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#### **PHCS Plans for Plainsboro**; **New Jersey Board to Hold Public Hearing at JWMS**

In what proved to be a busy week for Mercer County-area health care services, Princeton HealthCare System, The parent company of the University Medical Center at Princeton, further loosened its physical Princeton ties as it began its three-mile trek to a 158-acre tract in Plainsboro.

PHCS representatives appeared before the Plainsboro Township Planning Board Monday to present a preview of a new facility that would not only house UMCP but also Merwick Care Center. Led by PHCS President and CEO Barry Rabner and architectural consultant J. Robert Hillier, a case for the future of PHCS operations was presented that not only included the planned 269-bed hospital, and 180-bed Merwick center, but a list of other services

At the same time, PHCS received approval for zoning changes on the Township portion of the current UMCP Witherspoon campus site, which would allow for commercial and office development once the hospital relocates. Those zones, which encompass about 3.5 acres near Witherspoon Street and Henry Avenue, are home to the current hospital parking garage and the hospital's Medical Arts Building. The entire 12-acre hospital site straddles the Borough/Township municipal boundary, and with its vote of approval Monday night, Township Committee assured that the existing garage, which will be able to accommodate up to 780 spaces under the new zoning, will service residential and commercial redevelopment on the Borough side.

Next, Princeton will play host to the state's Health Planning Board as Princeton HealthCare Sysfem pursues a certificate of need that would give the green light for the full investment of its relocation efforts. Scheduled to take place at the John Witherspoon Middle School auditorium nexf Wednesday, December 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., that hearing is likely to be the only opportunity for public input before Commissioner Dr. Fred Jacobs of the state's Department of Health and Senior Services makes a final decision, scheduled for January 4.

As Monday's Plainsboro presentation was conceptual, few questions were asked by planning board members, though they did indicate that more substantive issues are likely to arise as the township looks to change its master plan. The hospital's

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# Micawber to Close as PU Crosses Nassau

Micawber Books will close its doors this anniversary this year. In a teary and terse spring as Princeton University prepares to make the leap across Nassau Street to relocate its sales operations into the Central Business District, in a move that will also spell the end of two other current downtown retail locations.

The University's current bookseller, the U-Store, will phase out its books operations as Labyrinth Books, an independently-owned books franchise that manages the bookstores at Columbia and Yale, will take over the lease for the space currently occupied by Foot Locker. The U-Store will open a satellite location at the current Children's Place and Micawber's new books venue, selling apparel and other school-related products.

The University will assume responsibility for the fease of Micawber's used books site at 110 Nassau Street, but has yet to find a tenant for that tocation. Of the three buildings involved in the deal, Princeton University will purchase only the building at 112-114 Nassau Street, which will remain fully on the Borough's tax rolls.

However, the announcement signals the end for a beloved Princeton institution in Micawber, which celebrated its 25th

prepared comment at a news conference Monday, Micawber co-owner Logan Fox cited not only a desire to retire, but also the increasing challenges faced in running a small, independent bookshop in the age of the Internet and larger booksellers.

"It was, of course, a really emotional, difficult decision. Our ties with the individuals and institutions of Princeton are very strong, and on a personal level have been very rewarding," he said, but added that he and co-owner Margaret Griffin were "extremely pleased" over the agreement as "it ensures the presence of an independently owned bookstore on Nassau Street for years to come."

Micawber is expected to close in March 2007, with a phased reduction of book inventory beginning in January,

Micawber had rebounded from crises in the past, but this time, Mr. Fox said, outside industry played a role too great al a time when he and Ms. Griflin were thinking about calling it quits regardless.

The first crisis came in the early and mid-1990s when large chain stores began to dictate industry standards, Mr.

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#### Partnerships Best Use of Public Funds Say Preservationists at First Forum

Representatives of grassroots, county and state preservation groups gathered in the Johnson Education Confer last Thursday, Nevember 30, to discuss ways of "Stretching Presorvation Dollars."

The meeting, held in the headquarters of the D&R Greenway Land Trust off Rosedale Road, was the first in what is hoped will be a series of such forums by the Mercer County Green Tablo - a

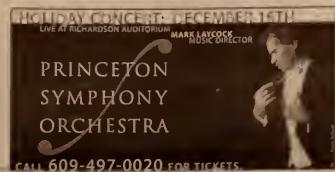
composito body comprising the D&R Greenway Land Trust, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, Mercer County Open Space, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Greon Acres Program.

The speakers were Bill Rawlyk of the D&R Greenway, Jennifer Colfey of the Stony Brook-Watershed Association,

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NASSAU STREET LOSING A FAMILIAR FACE: Micawber Books, the Nassau Street mainstay tor a quarter century, will close its doors in March 2007 as part of a major retail overhaut of that segment of Princeton Borough's Central Business District. Micawber owners and Princeton University officials announced Monday that Labyrinth Books, an independent franchise, wiff move into the space currently occupied by Foot Locker, and the U-Store will open a satellite apparel location in a portion of the Children's Place and Micawber's new books store by the fall ot 2007. The University has purchased the lease of Micawber's used books outfit, but no tenant has yet been identified.



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Mental Illness Support Group To Hold Annual Fund-raiser

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Mercer, a mental illness advocacy group, has announced the committee for its annual fund-raising event, "A Starry Night Out With NAMI," set to take place Sunday, January 7, 2007, at The College of New Jersey in Ewing.

The concert, to be held at TCNJ'S Music Building at 3 p.m., will feature Dr. Richard Kogan, a New York City psychiatrist and concert planist, who will discuss the life and perform the works of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Dinner and Silent Auction will follow in the Brower Student Center. The Event coincides with the culmination of the yearlong celebration of Mozart's 250th birthday, January 27, 1756.

Princeton residents Tina Clement and Caroline Tompkins chair this year's event. Carol Nied and Betty Wolfe, also of Princeton, are chairing the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will a Cape May vacation home, a golf foursome at TPC Jasna Polana, a Sunday brunch for two at the Alchemist & Barrister, tickets to McCarter Theater, New Jersey Opera Theater, Papermill Playhouse, and Trenton Thunder, gift cer-tificates to the Nassau Inn, Ferry House the Princeton Symphony Orchestra.

All members of the committee are volunteers and members of NAMI Mercer. Funds raised at this annual event will be used to sustain the free educational programs, Helpline, and support and advocacy initiatives provided by NAMI Mercer to the Mercer County commu-

Tickets are \$60 for the concert only; \$175 for the concert and dinner; and \$200 for concert stage seating and dinner. For additional information regarding sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, call NAMI Mercer at (609) 799-8994, or visit www.namimercer.org.



Holiday Fund Continues
The Town Topics Holiday Fund received further donations this past week toward improving the quality of life for people in the Princeton community. In addition to HomeFront and Literacy Volunteers in Mercer County, Town Topics has allocated funds to Princeton Nursery School, which seeks to provide quality preschool education and child care - particularly to working families in need — in a multicultural environment. Funds were needed this year for significant manitenance expenses, including lead paint abatement procedures, improving playground safety, and upgrading the heating unit. The Town Topics Holiday Fund is a nonprofit fund. Donations, which are are fully tax-deductible and will be acknowledged in writing, should be made payable to Town Topics Holiday Fund, 4 Mercer Street, Princeton N.J. 08540.

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A proposed 6.7-mile east-west throughway, otherwise known at Route 92, that would have connected Route 1 and the New Jersey Turnpike through South Brunswick, was officially scrapped Friday when Turnpike Executive Director Michael Lapolla sent a letter to state Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Lisa Jackson effectively withdrawing all applications to proceed with the project. In the letter, Mr. Lapolla indicated that the estimated \$175 million that would have been appropriated for the Route 92 project would be used to widen the Turnpike from exits 6 through 9. The governments of both Princetons, as well as West Windsor, Plainsboro, and Montgomery supported the link, but concerns stemming from the potential impact on environmentally sensitive areas, among others, stymied the planning process.

Members of the Princeton High School Choir will be singing in front of Landau's at 102 Nassau Street this Saturday and Sunday, December 9 and 10, during the store's Sock Sale. The choir will receive \$1 for every sale on those days. The money will be used to support the choir's trip to Sweden in February.

Princeton Human Services is now seeking donors for its eighth annual toy drive serving economically deprived children in Princeton Borough and Princeton Township. Children of families wishing to receive gifts need to be age 12 or under, with a list of three items they would like for the holidays. Donors can choose to give to one or more children, with gifts no to exceed \$40. Those interested can contact Human Services at (609) 688-2055 between regular business hours.

This holiday season, the Princeton Education Foundation is urging shoppers to patronize downtown and Princeton Shopping Center stores participating in the third annual holiday Shop Smart season now through Christmas Eve, Ten percent of purchases will be donated to the Princeton Education Foundation and will go toward outfitting the Princeton Regional Schools district science labs. Participating merchants include: Alchemist & Barrister; Blue Ridge Mountain Sports; Camillo's Café; Chestnut Tree Books; Color Me Mine; Craft Cleaners; Cranbury Station Gallery (both Princeton and Cranbury locations); Cutter's Mill Pet Store; Edward D. Jones & Co.; lci; lci Bebe; lci Monde; lmage Arts; Image Photo; J. McLaughlin; Jordan's Cards & Gifts; Kitchen Kapers; Landau; Learning Express; Light Gallery; Mehek Indian Restaurant; Nassau Interiors; New York Sports Club; Olive's Deli, Bakery and Caterers; Princeton Jewelers; Princeton Video; Red Green Blue; Smith's Ace Hardware; Smith's Ace Houseware; Steppin' Birkenstock Shoes; Subway; Ten Thousand Villages; The Papery; The Silver Shop; The Soup Man; Thomas Sweet Chocolates; Thomas Sweet Ice Cream; Tomorrow's Heirlooms; and Triangle Reprocenter. Key cards are available through Princeton Regional Schools, at many participating merchants, or through the PEF Web site, www.pefnj.org.

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DOLLARS FOR DARFUR: Students at John Witherspoon Middle School in front of thefr display tocusing on the efforts of the group Doctors Without Borders in the Sudan. From lett (back): Andy Grunther, Juandamarie Gikandi (JWMS parent and 8th grade substitute teacher), Sara Wegman, and Jordan Schonberger; (front): Grace Klinges, Steven Braun, and Wadil Mallat. Not pictured Salima Adamou, Rebecca Beissinger, and Talya Nakash.

#### Witherspoon Eighth Grade Students Hold "Dollars for Darfur" Bake Sale

the Sudan, they decided to do something about it.

Eighth-graders Salima Adamou, Rebecca Beissinger, Steven Braun, Andy Grun-

at John Witherspoon Middle Maflat, Talya Nakash, Jordan School (JWMS) learned about Schonberger, and Sara Wegthe suffering of children in man came up with a "Doffars for Darfur" campaign to raise money from the sale of baked goods on the nights of the schoof's annual Winter Concerts on Monday and Tuesday, December 11 and 12, at 7 p.m.

"Last year's 'Change for Change' program collected over a hundred dollars and sale will raise even more,

## **TOPICS** Of the Town

between \$400 and \$500," said Sara.

The campaign was prompted during one of the group's regular lunch club meetings when Jordan wore a t-shirt with the words: Stop Genocide in Sudan. Jordan acquired the shirt after a presentation by Aislinn Bauer, now a freshman at Princeton High School, which made a big impression. Ms. Bauer is a leading member of RADD (Raising Awarness Destination: Darfur), a student group that meets regularly at the Princeton Public Library to develop programs and resources in response to the humanitarian crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan. The next meeting, in the library's second ffoor conference room, is Sunday, December 17, at 3 p.m.

Once the group had decided on a plan of action, they opened a diafogue with the school administration and with the PTO, which normally runs the bake for the JWMS Winter Concerts in support of PTO activities. "This year, the PTO agreed to let us run the sale and use the funds for Darfur," said Andy, "we are very grateful to them for that.

With the help of Juandamarie Gikandi, co-chair of the PTO's community service committee and the priority sub for the 8th grade at JWMS, the group afso began researching non-profits working in the Darfur region. "Ms. Gikandi has reafly helped us out," said Grace.

After doing their homework via the Internet, the students chose to support Doctors without Borders. "We found out that Doctors without Borders is the fast group to be there, helping

When a group of friends—ther, Grace Klinges, Wadji—people on the ground," said t John Witherspoon Middle—Maflat, Talya Nakash, Jordan—Andy. "The situation is so bad, that alf the other organizations have gone," added Jordan. "We were shocked to find that out," said Sara, "Doctors without Borders are the people's only hope.

Headquartered in New York City, the United States section of the organization that received the 1999 Nobel Peace Prize for its humanitarian work was foundthis year we hope the bake ed in 1990 as an offshoot of the French Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), founded in 1971. It delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, and natural or man-made disasters in more than 70 countries and has been operating in the Sudan since

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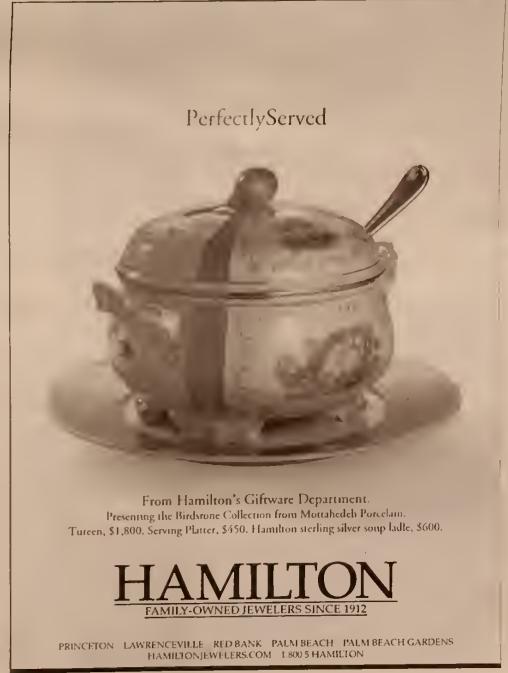
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cines, and feed malnourished children. They have also dug wells, distributed clean water, and given out blankets and plastic sheeting.

In the Sudanese region of Darfur where increasing insecurity and decreasing international aid is adding to the misery for millions displaced since a civil war began there in 2003, emergency teams have responded to outbreaks of diarrhea and cholera, and organized measles and meningitis vaccinations.

For reasons such as these and because of the organization's reported financial independence — it relies on the general public for nearly 80 percent of its operating budget, the rest coming from international agencies and governments — Doctors without Borders was chosen by the JWMS students.

The students and the faculty advising them deserve recognition for the work they are doing," commented par-ent Ira Grunther, Mr. Grunther's, son, Andy, proposed the bake sale for which the kids themselves will do the baking, along with the help of PTO parents.

Posters for donations of baked goods went up around the school last week as well as a display showing the work of Doctors without Borders with pictures of Sudan and the Darfur region culled from Web sites.

One member of the group will be otherwise engaged during the bake sale, however, Also a member in the JWMS Symphonic Band, Steven Braun will be playing his trombone for the Winter Concerts.

**—Linda Arntzenius** 

#### **Fire** Wire

The all-volunteer Princeton Fire Department responded to a variety of calls this week, including false alarms for faulty smoke or carbon monoxide detectors at homes and businesses on Brickhouse Drive, Edgehill Street, Lawrence Drive, Ober Road, Parkside Drive, and Prospect Avenue, as well as the Johnson Park School, Princeton Day School and the University Medical Center at Princeton.

On Thursday, crews were sent to check on an odor at Fairview Park at the corner of The Great Road and Pretty Brook Koad, which turned out to be fresh mulch.

On Saturday, crews were sent to a Prospect Avenue residence after a resident called to report smoke in the house. They discovered the resident was trying to burn a log in the fireplace and did not open the chimney flue.

On Sunday, a report of carbon monoxide at a Wheatsheaf Lane residence was traced by crews to a furnace backfire.

The Princeton Fire Department, one of the oldest in the country, was founded in 1788. It is made up of three companies - Princeton Hook & Ladder, Princeton Engine Co. No. 1 and Mercer Engine Co. No. 3. The department is always looking for more members. If interested, please call (609) 540-9343 or (609) 731-1313.

#### "Dollars for Darfur" Harry's Brook Keeps On Flooding As Township Keeps On Treading Water

Princeton Township resi- going away any time soon. dents and officials continued to grapple with chronic flooding along Harry's Brook in the Littlebrook section of the Township Thursday, but the problem, consultants say, is not easily solved, and there no quick fix is likely to keep some residents' basements dry.

Joe Skupien, president of the Ringoes-based Stormwater Management Consulting, which is contracted with Princeton Township, cited significant erosion along the stream banks, but upstream development that has exacerbated the problem in recent years.

"Flood plains are natural occurrences," he said, addressing members of the Township's Flood and Stormwater Management Committee. "That channel was not formed by a shovel — it was formed by erosion, likening the regular wear and tear to the flood plain to a heavily used portion of a carpet.

It was the first public municipal discussion of the brook since a September 19 walking tour that showed residents and officials alike what they had already known: this problem is not

'All streams in the Township flood, but what we have to determine is if this one's flooding more than other streams, and if so, what damage is occurring?" said Township engineer Robert Kiser, adding that surveys of the area were underway to determine the extent of the erosion over the past 30 years. Mr. Skupien added that while increased runoff from development may be a factor in Harry's Brook, it is also likely that flooding over the past 30 years could be a natural event.

The Harry's Brook drainage area extends as far as the center of Princeton Borough, Mr. Skupien said.

Olivia Applegate, a Random Road resident and flood advocate whose property has served as the "poster child" for Township flooding, said much of her land is unusable because of its saturation lev-

But for now, the Township will continue to survey stream banks and search for funding for an analysis of its findings. The Committee is expected to meet again sometime in January.

-Matthew Hersh

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#### After Campus Presentation, PU Taking Master Plan Before the Planning Board

Following a successful its vision plan. At that time, tour of their campus plan- University officials and ning effort, Princeton Uni- representatives from the versity officials will present school's architectural and the school's master plan planning consultant, Beyer and campus planning project before members of the Regional Planning Board of Princeton this Thursday, at 7:30 p.m., at Township

The presentation will be the first in the more than six months since the full board heard the University's development intentions, when

Blinder Belle, outlined the concept of creating a more pedestrian-friendly campus, with an emphasis on offsite parking and building on the existing shuttle system, P-

But most notably, campus officials pointed to the creation of so-called academic nelghborhoods, a concept the University first launched first outlined by University

President Shirley Tilghman in early 2005. The goal would be to cluster related academic and social programming in similar areas, all within walking distance of the intended campus focal point, the Frist Campus

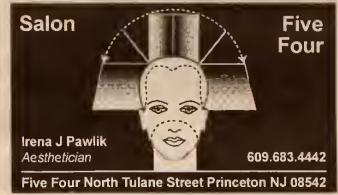
A likely topic of discussion will be the future of New Jersey Transit's Princeton Shuttle train, or the Dinky, as the University aims to appropriate a portion of a \$110 million alumni gift to creating an arts neighborhood along the University Place/ Alexander Street corridor, focused around McCarter and Berlind theaters. University plans indicate that a desirable scenario would be to turn the Alexander Street throughway into an official town and campus gateway. Early concepts outlined an alignment of University Place to connect with Alexander Street further south, opening the possibility of the relocation of the Dinky station about 500 feet south of its current location.

At a recent community meeting focusing on the Dinky reconfiguration, several commuters expressed continued concern for drastic changes to the vehicle or the infrastructure.

Renzo Plano, the noted architect who was to spearhead the redesign effort for the school's planned arts neighborhood at University Place and Alexander Street, withdrew from the planning process last month, but campus officials have indicated that his firm, in working with BBB, had given enough input to move forward, and that Mr. Plano's firm could return to the fold when it comes to actual building design. Mr. Plano cited time constraints with existing projects to devote significant time to the University effort.

-Matthew Hersh





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#### **Coalition for Peace Action** Candlelight Vigil, Meeting

The mother of a soldier facing court-martial for refusing to go to Iraq will speak at a town meeting following the Coalition for Peace Action's annual Candlelight Vigil for Peace on Tuesday, December 12, from 5 to 6 p.m. on Palmer

The theme of this year's vigil will be "Give Our Troops a Holiday Gift: Bring Them Home." Names of New-Jersey troops killed in Iraq will be read as part of the Vigil. Carolyn Ho, the mother of Lieutenant Ehren Watada, who refused deployment to Iraq on June 22, 2006, is scheduled to make a presentation at a Town Meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. after a potluck party that follows

The potluck party will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street (directly across the street from Palmer Square). Those bringing dishes are invited to drop them off at the church starting at 4:30 p.m. Attendees are asked not to park at the church, so that it remains available for church programs.

The Town Meeting will focus on possible future directions for peace organizing by the Princeton-based coalition. Ms. Ho's presentation will come at the beginning of the meeting. Her son has described the war as "illegal and immoral." He is facing court-martial and up to six years in prison for his action, which has been described as "an act of con-science." Of Chinese and Japanese descent, Lieutenant Watada has become a spokesperson for the resistance to the war from within the United States military.

All three events-the Vigil, the potluck party, and the Town Meeting-are free and open to the public. Those interested are encouraged to come to any one or combination of the three events. For further information, call the Coalition for Peace Action at (609) 924-5022 or visit www.peacecoalition.org.

#### 3 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 3 births to area residents during the week of November 24.

A Son was born to Alina Shopoval and Nicolas Schidlovsky, Kingston, November

Daughters were born to Virginia Lomanto-White and Timothy White, Lawrenceville, November 27; and Carmel Crowley and Donal Creed, Princeton Junction, November 27.



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#### **Ouestion of the Week:**

"What movies have interested you lately and why?"



"That would be easy. A Prairie Home Companion because I love the show and all of the actors are terrific in it. - Christopher Pike, Maple Street



"I saw Wings of Desire and it was a very beautiful movie with a lot of poetry. The story line itself was a bit over the top. It is a very nostalgic film that takes place in Berlin, before the end of the Cold War. It is mostly black and white with some parts in color and it is about angels.'

- Jessica Reynolds, Princeton University



"I am interested in comedies because they make me laugh. My blood pressure doesn't go up like it does from scary movies. I just watched How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days and it was very funny."

- Mary Soliman, Freshman, Princeton University



"I really liked The Queen, I think Helen Mirren is an exceptional actress. You got a window into the culture of the Queen, how she maneuvers and how she had to act and the responsibility she had. Whether we like it or not, she has a different culture and it was most enjoyable to see." – Shoshana Parsells, Western Way



"I recently saw Bobby. He often gets overshadowed by his brother, JFK, and this one focused on his life and legacy. I didn't know a lot about him so this was good. I also saw the 007 movie because I like stuff blowing up. It looked like the best one in a number of years and I did like it a lot. The critics gave the actor (Daniel Craig) a hard time before they even saw the movie, but he did an excellent job."

- Nick Pelzer, Nassau Street

A debate that hasn't exactly mended fences between neighboring property owners continued last Tuesday, as Borough government was thrust into debate on whether parts of the town can fall under historic designation.

The dialogue focuses on a portion of the Borough's Morven Tract, which encompasses 50 properties in the western section. For some residents refuse to accept the proposed tearing down of older structures for new character.

Fernando Guerrero, of Hodge Road, cited an "incredible burden" on the property owner and sald that if houses in this district were to fall under a new category, the review process for property alterations would have to be carefully marked. "The process is absolutely critical here, and we need to work that out to ease people's concerns," he said.

chair of the HPRC, refuted assertions that historic designation would negatively impact the rights of the property owner and the concerns that perceived limitations would devalue properties. "No reduction in property values has been found as a result of historic designation," she said, citing a 1997 joint report by the Rutgers Center for Urban Policy Research and the New Jersey Historic Trust.

sales in the area: "I'm not

sure I would have bought my

home if it were in a historic

But Cecelia Tazelaar, a current member and past

district.'

That sentiment was backed by John Heilner of Library Place, who said historic designation would not only have a negligible impact on property values, but would serve as a safeguard for existing

In the meantime, Borough zoning officer Derek Bridger said a survey involving inventory of the properties in the proposed tract would have to be conducted, but that this area, roughly bounded by portions of Library Place, Hodge Road, and Bayard Lane, while encompassing Morven Place and Boudinot Street, was just a small portion of the entire Morven Tract, which the Princeton Community Master Plan earmarks as an area for historic consideration.

Council President Peggy Karcher sald she would like

In neighborhoods that are ones that they perceive to labeled with historic desigbe out of neighborhood nation, like the Borough's Mercer Hill and Bank Street Last Tuesday residents districts, an applicant must who have battled with gov- appear before the municiernment-imposed property pal Historic Preservation



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which serves as an advisory to see grant funding put into wing of the zoning board. place for any survey before any research is conducted. Frank Petrilli, also of "I'm reluctant to pay for a Hodge, said that limitations survey in any neighborhood on the rights of the property in a tight budget year," she owner could impact house

> Mr. Bridger said he would research potential grant funding through the state's Historic Preservation Of-

> > -Matthew Hersh



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#### ∞ Solar v. Shade: An Environmental Face Off Or an Opportunity to Find Common Ground?

Environmental Commission last Thursday tackled an unlikely situation that has pitted two environmentally respectable means of energy saving against one another.

it started this summer as the Christ Congregation Church on Walnut Lane worked with the state's Board of Public Utilities to

Members of the Princeton Install solar paneling that would offset elevating electricity costs.

> The church hit a road block when residents resisted the planned removal of a beloved pin oak tree. The tree removal was to make way for the solar paneling, and, after two denials, a deal for the tree's removal was flnally brokered with Borough

Environmental Commissloners sought to avert a solar panel/shade tree conflict Wednesday as a Princeton University professor and BPU representative offered the benefits of both energy

Council, with a provision re-

quiring the planting of other

trees, and a \$750 in-kind

contribution.

Henry Horn, a professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University, sald trees could serve as a means for erosion reduction, absorbing potential pollutants, and as energy insulation: having a cooling effect In the summer and warming effect in the colder months.

"The value of trees extend beyond the forest boundarles," he said, adding that he

the Office of Clean Energy at that electricity providers use

is expensive and would not out the state. be valuable If it were not installed for maximum ef- "waiting on line" for sys-ficacy. tems, he added.

BPU offers up to a 70 percent rebate for solar panel Installation, largely as an incentive to prospective users. 'if you installed a system without the rebate, It would take close to 30 years to pay off the Infrastructure," he said. BPU employs a program offering renewable energy certificates for every megawatt hour generated. favored solar power as long in turn, a customer can put as it does not compete with a certificate into a trading system with an electricity Michael Winka, director of provider. The BPU stipulates

the BPU said solar paneling, a certain amount of renew-tal Commission, which is energy and creating carbon need. "They're giving you putting paneling under trees, that about 1,900 systems eling. adding that solar installation have been installed through-

About 900 people are

The session was geared to serve as the start of a dialogue for the Environmen-

too, had its hand in reducing able energy, and companies expected to draft language pollutants. "Just about every will "buy" certificates from next month that could even-fuel we use relies on burning customers to fulfill that tually translate into a proposed ordinance, offering dioxide," he said, but added some value for that electric-that he was "not fond" of ity," Mr. Winka said, noting when related to solar pan-

- Matthew Hersh

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### People



Alexander Rudin, an 8th grader at John Witherspoon Middle School, has won first prize in the brass category of the New Jersey Music Teachers Association's Youth Competition, Mr. Rudin plays the trumpet and has been a student in the Young Artists Program at the Westminster Conservatory for the last four years. He studies with Flora Newberrry and Robert Gravener. The award was presented at Rider University after a concert in which Mr. Rudin performed the first movement of the Hummel Concerto for



daughter of Bob and Sharon Powell of Skillman, is currently performing in The Voysey Inheritance, David Mamet's new adaptation of Harley Granville-Barker's classic play at the Atlantic Theater in New York City. The play explores the issue of morals versus money in an upper middle class family whose fortune has been acquired by fraud and deceit. It will run through January 7, 2007. A 1993 graduate of Princeton Day School, Ms. Powell received a B.A. degree from Brown Universlty and an MFA degree from New York University's Tisch School of the Dramatic Arts. For more information, visit www.atlantictheater.org.

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HIGH SCHDDL DAYS REMEMBERED: Members of the graduating classes of 1981 and 1986 celebrated their 25th and 20th reunions at the Princeton High School last month. Besides getting reacquainted with old friends, returning graduates toured the newly renovated facility and raised funds for a seat in the new Trego-Biancosino auditorium.

(Pholo by Emily Reeves)



AWARD-WINNING CHESS MBVES: Princeton Bay School chess players received a first place team trophy and individual honors in the New Jersey K-12 Grade Championship held last month at Brookdale College in Lincroft. PDS teams in first, second, and third grades brought home first place team trophies; third grader Joel Pena won an individual first place trophy; and Jordan Lerner won third place in the 6th grade competition. Chess is taught in kindergarten and first grade at the school, which hosts tournaments open to students from other schools on the first Saturday of each month. Upcoming tournaments will take place on January 6, and February 3. From left: PDS first grade students Bouglass Wellemeyer, James Wellemeyer, Harry Gould, Alexander Kravec, and Ballin Pollard celebrating their first place win.







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#### No Time for Delay: Woman Delivers Child In the Nick of Time

A Bordentown woman had no time to spare as the driver the West Windsor border to make what turned out to be an early delivery.

29, after Township police officers. were sent to the scene to

help deliver the child, who was about two months premature. While she and the driver were on their way out of Princeton, the baby's head had crowned while Ms. Knipe was still in the front seat of the car.

Township police arrived on the scene and provided care in assisting Ms. Knipe from the car and helping her through the final minutes of her labor. Upon the delivery, of the car she was traveling Ms. Knipe and Casey Tyler in was forced to pull over were taken to the University on Alexander Street near Medical Center at Princeton. Both mother and infant, as well as father Peter Knipe, were doing "fine" following Alyson Knipe, 32, gave delivery, according to Townbirth to her son, Casey Tyler, ship Ptl. Kim Hodges, who after midnight on November was one of the responding

#### Cops Cracking Down **On Intoxicated Drivers** Through the Holidays

Township Police have reinstituted what is now an annual exercise of heightened awareness of intoxicated drivers as the holiday season brings about an increased number of social gatherings - which often include the consumption of alcohol.

Drink and Drive, You Lose Correctional Center. 2006 Year End Crackdown, which employs high visibility enforcement and the arrest of impaired motorists.

In 2005, 263, or 35 percent of the 748 motor vehicle fatalities were alcohol-Safety Administration. That percentage has remained Township police have recommended that those consuming alcohol should rely on mass transit, designated drivers, taxi, or spending the night where an alcohol related activity is held. Police are also asking residents to report suspected impaired

#### Princeton Township

Township police arrested Luis A. Membreno-Domingue on November 29 at 12:24 p.m. for attempted theft of a 1999 Honda Civic, parked in Lot 20 on the Princeton University campus. Mr. Membreno-Domingue was taken to headquarters, charged with burglary, theft, criminal mischief, possession of burglary tools, and complicity. He could not post the

Through New Years Day, \$25,000 bail and was turned officers will conduct the "You over to the Mercer County

On December 1, a Russell Road resident reported a diamond necklace, valued at \$1,500, stolen from her home, claiming that the item had been taken in Septemrelated, according to the ber when more than one National Highway Traffic health care worker was in her home, but police could not determine the visitors steady since 2001. As such, were responsible for the neckiace's disappearance, nor could they find any sign of forced entry into the vember 26 at 11:17 p.m.

> Row resident reported \$505 in cash and her driver's license missing from her pal court Monday, Decemhome, telling Township po- ber 4. lice that the items had been removed on November 28 between 8:30 and 9 p.m., Wilson, 18, of Cherry Hill her home. The investigation is ongoing.

#### Princeton Borough

On November 21, at 12:30 p.m., Borough police arrested Lamar D. Bethune, 34, of Hamburg, NJ, for theft, forgery, identity theft, and for writing bad checks after an investigation indicated

that he had tried to spend checks at various businesses. Mr. Berthune reportedly was able to acquire merchandise valued at approximately \$15,000. Additionally, when he was apprehended, he was found to be in possession of a watch valued at over \$13,000 that he had purchased in another municipality with a bad check. He was held on \$75,000.00

David Ilich Sifrin, 18, of Rahway, was arrested Noin the Park Place parking lot for possession of mari-Juana. He was charged with On December 1, a Tupelo possession of a controlled substance and appeared in Princeton Borough Munci-

> Police arrested Blake at 2:21 a.m. on November 29 for being under the Influence of a controlled substance after he fled police following an attempted pedestrian stop on Washington Road. He was subsequently brought to headquarters, charged, and released.

On November 29, at 9:50 a.m., police arrested Serguei Batyrev, 35, during what was described by Borough police as a "situation" at the Princeton Public Library. The arresting officer attempted to arrest Mr. Batyrev, whose address is unknown, for a warrant and during the arrest the accused grabbed the officer's pepper spray out of his hand and attempted to spray him. Back up officers arrived and assisted in taking control of Mr. Batyrev, who was subsequently arrested and transported to headquarter, charged with resisting arrest, making terror threats, and disarming a law enforcement officer. He was then committed to the Mercer County Detention Center and held on \$50,000

Saul Cifuentes, 24, of Princeton, was arrested November 29 at 7:06 p.m. for an attempted burglary following an investigation. According to police, Mr. Clfuentes attempted to enter a Witherspoon Street residence. He was charged with criminal attempt burglary, criminal trespass, and criminal mischief and was subsequently released.

Police arrested Arthur Brown Jr., 37, of New Brunswick, for giving a false name during a motor vehicle stop on Ewing Street, Mr. Brown was charged with hindering and Issued several motor vehicle summonses before being released. He is set to appear in Princeton Borough Municipal Court on Decem-

The following DWI arrests were made in Princeton Borough: Nevena Vujosevic, 28, of Princeton, on Palmer Square; Heriberto Rodriguez, 35, of the Bronx, on Harrison Street; Gregory Purcell, 41, of Milburn, on Witherspoon Street;

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MORE THAN A HANDFUL AT SAVE: Some of the seven mixed breed pupples born in October at earlier in the year that it SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals, the Princeton animal shelter on Herrontown Road. The housed animals unsuitable pupples, four males and three females have been named Macho Man, Snarkles, Lightning, for adoption as family pets. Thunder, Spot On, Babie, and Lightfoot. For more information about SAVE, A Friend to Home- the shelter has begun an outless Animais, call 609-921-6122 or visit the web site at www.savehomelessanimals.org.

#### Adoptable (And Adorable) Pups Born at SAVE, Ready Mid-Month A pregnant collie mix art the way to Scranton, Pa., successfully placed in homes

gave birth to seven healthy pupples shortly afterwards. Mother and pups are doing well and the shelter hopes to find homes for all of them.

Nicknamed Mama, the pregnant dog came a long way to have her pups. She was found in Monroe Counfrom a dog pound there that has a high rate of euthanlsation, said Donielle Killian, co-director of operations at SAVE since July 2006.

rived at SAVE in October and to collect Mama and oth-through SAVE, according to they run out of room, they er pets. Ms. Carson, who Ms. Carson. worked with Friends to Since SAVE's first trans-Homeless Animals (FOA) port, more dogs have been before it merged with SAVE rescued from other municiearlier this year, has her own pal shelters. "This is what pupples and our goal is to dog training business, Busy it's all about, saving as many Paws, but still finds time to animals as we can," said help out the shelter.

Ms. Carson has been Karen Azarchi. ty, Ohio, and was rescued lending a hand since July Four days after she arrived and has run several trans- at SAVE, Mama had her pupport missions rescuing dogs ples. from the Ohio dog pound that has supplied several shipments of seven to ten Volunteer dog trainer highly adoptable animals, Adrienne Carson drove all most of which have been

SAVE's Executive Director

"We cagerly agreed to take the pregnant collie mix and 5 other pupples and dogs slated for euthanasia," said Ms. Azarchi. "A couple of days after the collie arrived, she went into labor and delivered 7 adorable healthy puppies, 4 boys and 3 girls.

According to Ms. Killian, Mama is about two years old. The pups are now 6 weeks old and will be ready for their debut showing to prospective adopters on December 8. They will not be released before December 15. Prospective adopters will be screened to ensure their suitability and will pay \$250 to cover the cost of neutering or spaying, as well as three distemper, rables, and kennel cough vaccines.

"The staff at SAVE have become very attached to these puppies," said Ms. Killian who reported that the shelter's veterinarian and Ms. Azarchi were at the shelter until after midnight seeing them born. "Many of the staff saw them being born, so we want to make sure they thrive with the right owners."

As of last Thursday, the shelter has two applications for the pupples from individuals who want them, sight unseen.



READY FOR A NEW HOME: One of Princeton's newest residents arrived in the middle of October. With six slblings born to a shepherd/collie mixed breed dog at SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals, this pup will be ready for adoption into a suitable home on December 15.





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The pupples are expected to grow to between 60 and 80 pounds. The biggest, dubbed Macho Man, is already weighing in at 12 pounds, leading some at the sheller to speculate that their father might have been a St. Bernard. The smallest of the litter is Snarkles, but ilke his siblings he has made great strides.

Besides Macho Man and Snarkles, there are two other male pups: Lightning and Thunder. The females have been named Spot On, Bable, and Lightfoot.

"It has been a wonderful experience," commented Ms. Azarchi. "The pupples are growing fast and will be available for public viewing next week and adoption in 2 weeks. The mom is also up for adoption and is the most wonderful girl."

Having faced criticism reach program to municipal shelters such as the one in

"When we have the room, we are eager to find adoptable dogs whereever we can," said Ms. Azarchi. "At municipal shelters, when are mandated to euthanise those dogs that have been there the longest. These are highly adoptable dogs and save as many animals as we

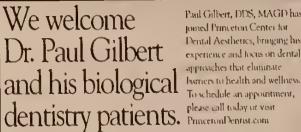
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Linda Arntzenius



SAVE'S PROUD MOTHER: Known simply as Mama, this shepherd/collie mixed breed dog travoled from Ohio to have her pupples, all seven of them, born here in Now Jersey.

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"Partnerships are the best use of public funds," said Ms. Jones who described the main challenge facing land preservation in Mercer County as "low funding."

She advised preservationist groups to look for bargain basement properties, avoid targeting properties that have already received development approval, and to form partnerships with other groups. "Bring together state, county, municipal, and non-profit acquisition regional, and local interests that meet mutual preservation priority themes," she

funding for the Green Acres Princeton Township. Program, which offers grants to nonprofits and municipalities and has to date helped to preserve some 1,334,389 acres across the state, not including farmland, is about to dry up. The Garden State Is due to run out in 2009, to the late 1760s. she said.

the program, whose mission buildings was officially pre-

the subject of a Preservation Funding Forum held last July by the Corzine administration. For more information, visit www.nj.gov.gspt.

In addition to offering advice, Ms. Jones commended local groups in Mercer County for their efforts in preserving farmland, historic landscapes and important watershed lands, in particular projects such as Baldpate Mountain for which nonprofit preservation groups presented a "sophisticated"

#### Tusculum Project

Bill Rawlyk, a naturalist with the D&R Greenway, described the Tusculum project as an example of a successdollars to projects of state, ful partnership effort involving the D&R Greenway Land Trust, the State, the County, the estate's owners, Avril and Tom Moore, Friends of Ms. Jones reported that Princeton Open Space, and

As a result, the historic property off Cherry Hill Road, the summer estate of Princeton University's sixth president John Witherspoon and signatory to the Declaration of Independence, is Preservation Trust Fund, now preserved as permanent which supports the program, open space. The house dates

Much of the land surround-The future of the Trust and ing the house and other is the creation of preserved served in early November, at for use as public parkland.

space across the State, was ing it the first property to be The Greenway Center, a the American Revolution Na- preservation groups. tional Heritage Area - the result of a bill, introduced in 2005, to preserve and fund Important Revolutionary War sites.

Friends of Princeton Open stewardship goals. Space raised the majority of the funding, \$1.4 million, including a \$300,000 nonprofit assistance grant from Mercer County. Princeton important," he said. Township, which will operate and maintain the property, contributed \$800,000, of which the County provided \$300,000 through a municipal assistance grant. Mercer County also contributed an additional \$300,000. The State provided \$400,000.

other counties in the region and identifying important lington, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Som- has also helped corporations erset; has preserved some 9,000 acres comprising 159 properties valued at approximately \$193.4 million, since its founding in 1989.

In Princeton, the group helped preserve the former Robert Wood Johnson estate on Rosedale Road as Greenway Meadows Park, and Coventry Farm on the Great Road, over 220 acres of land

and interconnected open a cost of \$2.9 million, mak- The former space includes protected since September circa 1900 barn that has when the U.S. Congress rec-been adapted for use as a ognized the Crossroads of meeting place for grass roots

Mr. Rawlyk also described resources available to support municipalities and grassroots organizations in their land preservation and

"While acquisition is important, stewardship such as maintaining trails and promoting their use is also

Jennifer Coffey of the Stony Brook-Watershed Association, which maintains 800 acres in Hopewell including 14 miles of hiking tralls, described resources for municipalities, land trust groups and civic organizations. The association offers The D&R Greenway Land advice on protecting water Trust, which works in five corridors and stream banks besides Mercer County: Bur-sites for land preservation and aquifer recharging. It change lawns into wildflower meadows.

Since 1949, it has been monitoring the health of the watershed and educating the public on environmental issues such as the impact of land use on water quality.

A current goal, sald Ms. Coffey, is the increase of grasslands in New Jersey so as to keep streams healthy. Such lands also support bird species that are declining in the state, such as the bobolink, the grassland sparrow, and the Eastern meadow-

Also working with municipalities and preservationist nonprofits, Mercer County Open Space, with funding from a three cent tax, which raised \$11.5 million in 2006, provides grants to open space and farmland projects. Fifteen percent of this can be used for historic preservation and improvement of parkland such as the Baldpate mountain preserva-

According to Leslie Floyd, assistant Planning Director for Mercer County, there are now 71 preserved farms in the County as compared to only one 18 years ago. The county's agricultural development board buys development easements to preserve land that has the potential for future agricultural use.

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-Linda Arntzenius

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#### Holiday Peppermint Bark

Makes 2 pounds

I package (12 oz) White Chocolate Morsels i package (12 oz) Milk Chocolate Morsels 24 hard peppermint candies or candy canes

I. Line baking sheet with waxed paper.

2. Place peppermint candies or candy canes in a heavy plastic bag and cover with a towel. Crush candy using a rolling pin or another heavy object. Set aside.

3. Microwave White Chocolate Morsels in a medium, microwave-safe bowl on medium power for 1 minute, stir. Microwave at additional 10 second intervals until smooth.

4. Spread mixture to desired thickness on prepared baking sheet. Let cool until slightly hardened.

5. Microwave Milk Chocolate Morsels in a medium, microwavesafe bowl on medium power for 1 minute, stir. Microwave at additional 10 second intervals until smooth.

6. Spread mixture on top of hardened White Chocolate Morsels. 7. While this mixture is still soft, sprinkle crushed peppermint candies on top and press lightly. Let stand until completely

hardened and break into pieces. Store in an airtight container.

For other variations, Dark Chocolate Morsels can be substituted in place of Milk Chocolate Morsels. Also, the peppermint candies can be placed on top of the first layer of melted chocolate and cooled. Then, the second layer of chocolate can be poured on top of that.

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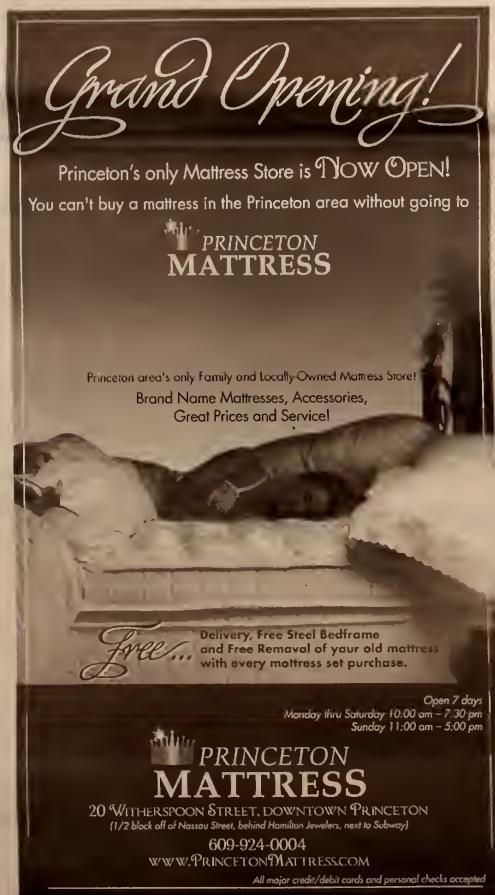


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plans outline uses that are not compatible with zoning for that site, currently occupied by FMC Corp., which operates a research and technology center there.

Plans for the site indicate significant space on the site devoted to an age-restricted housing facility or a Continuing Care Retirement Community; fitness center; research and non-medical facilities; and medical offices.

Mr. Rabner outlined a phased construction for the hospital facility that would culminate in an eight-story, 960,000 square-foot space. Planners were also offered a glimpse of a 50,000-squarefoot fitness center, and two medical office buildings with a combined 240,000 squarefootage.

Plainsboro Township administrator Robert Sheehan said the municipality had contracted with several consultants to determine economic impact, as well as an affordable housing component for the new development. For that element, Mr. Sheehan said the municipality had contracted with Shirley Bishop, who worked closely with Princeton Borough when the state implemented new affordable housing laws last year.

Some residents worried about the potential traffic impact a new hospital facility and accompanying development would pose on the township's roads. Michael Cross said that while the hospital relocating to Plainsboro signaled "tremendous" gains for the township, he worried that hospital-bound drivers would travel at high speeds

"High quality health care is something that really attracts people to the area, but getting back onto the Route 1 South is a huge challenge already," he said, pointing to the need for a right turn lane turning on to Harrison Street and one on Harrison Street on to Route 1 South. "I think that's going to take some collective political will.'

Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu, also a planning board member, agreed with Mr. Cross's list of concerns, adding a mention of the planned widening of the Millstone Bridge on Route 1: "All of those things should happen, and they should happen soon.'

Mr. Cantu specifically pointed to Harrison Street access as a potential hurdle

as hospital planning moves forward. In August, mayors and other representatives of both Princetons, Plainsboro Township, and West Windsor Township, met with state Department of Transportation Commissioner Kris Kolluri to discuss installing a designated turn lane for Harrison Street. Those talks are ongoing.

Mr. Hillier said traffic consultants would be brought on hoard as the planning process progressed.

The new, \$350 million hospital facility is slated to open in fall 2010. Hospital officials have identified the site as central to the PHCS patient base, with a majority of patients coming from the east of Route 1.

-Matthew Hersh

#### Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 49 calls last week and 56 the week before.

On Sunday, November 19, the Squad responded for an elderly woman who experienced sudden-onset-ofstroke symptoms, reporting that she felt numbness and paralysis in one side of her body and face. The Squad also observed a facial droop and a weaker pulse in the affected extremity. Oxygen was administered and the patient was rushed to the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) for treat-

ber 21, the Squad responded for a 19-year-old female found lying outside in the dirt. Fellow students found the patient; it was not known how long she had been exposed to the frigid temperatures wearing insufficiently warm clothing. Although she was lethargic and minimally responsive to verbal stimuli, she indicated that she had been drinking earlier that evening. The Squad transported her to UMCP for monitoring.

The volunteer members of the Squad were busy on Thanksgiving with 11 calls throughout the day and night. Two calls for patients passing out during dinner were dispatched 45 minutes apart from one another. Both patients had regained consciousness but exhibited low On Tuesday night, Novem- blood pressure readings and

were transported to UMCP. Shortly afterward, the Squad responded to an assisted care facility where a patient who had just returned from dinner at a relative's house became increasingly confused and presented with high blood pressure. The patient was transported to UMCP.

Early Sunday morning, November 26, the Squad responded for a young man found unconscious and unresponsive. He exhibited labored breathing and could not maintain his airway. Rescuers secured his airway and began ventilations with supplemental oxygen. Paramedics from Capital Health System (CHS) administered medications commonly used to reverse drug overdoses, upon which the patient regained consciousness and ling one of the two dogs she tirely on recyc

versity Medical Center at ported to UMCP. Princeton (UMCP) for additional treatment.

who had a sudden onset of facial droop and hemi-pa- brief loss of consciousness. unresponsive. Following the seizure, his pulse was weak and he was not breathing. Rescuers ventilated the patient and monitored his Rescue Squad is a non-profpulse as he was being rushed

On Friday December 1, the Squad responded for a tightness. Her symptoms appeared after she'd witnessed a pit bull attacking and kill- TOWN TOPICS IS PRINTED en-

was transported to the Uni- was walking. She was trans- 🕏

Later that afternoon, the Squad was dispatched for a S Later that afternoon, the juvenile who fell off a railing Squad responded for a man striking her head. The impact left her confused following a ralysis. The crew assessed She also exhibited facial inhim, administered oxygen, juries and reported heaviness and began to load him into and tingling in her extremithe ambulance when he sud- ties. The crew secured her 3 denly seized and became to a spinal immobilization? device before transporting ? her to the trauma center at CHS-Fuld Campus.

The Princeton First Aid & 🗒 it, volunteer-run emergency services organization. For more information on membership and donation opporwoman experiencing chest tunities, visit www.pfars.org or call 924-3338.



lentless challenge is the Internet, Mr. Fox said: "It's a put your finger on. You see know what the loss of rev-

That said, Micawber is outrageous. stili a viable enterprise, and town, but after 25 years, cern. we're ready to think about

Clifford Simms, the president of Labyrinth Books. Is not immune to obstacles in hard to keep this a viable the bookselling industry, he business. has been able to work with publishers in trying "to get them to understand that it's a very different time in this

ing is at risk and we need to outreach with area institu- to focus on those things that invent and rethink other pol-tions. icies to get books into read-Fox said. At that time, Ms. ers' hands, and that's been co-op enterprise on Univer- needs of students and oth-Griffin became a partner at part of what we've done," he sald, adding that the future able to survive and even ex- is still uncertain. Labyrinth, pand into its new location which opened after the first onslaught of the chains and at the beginning of Internet bookselling, has been able to cope with those factors.

"Books are a very strange commodity: they're com-The latest, and more re- pletely deflationary, and yet everyone thinks they're too expensive." Mr. Simms much more difficult thing to noted that book prices have not increased in "real dollar its influence with text book terms" since the 1970s, and sales, but there's no way to yet pointed to an anecdotal recognition that the price of textbooks is "completely

"Princeton is a great book and it's a very serious con-

Mr. Simms sald Princesomething else," Mr. Fox ton was a good platform to examine what he termed "sustainable practices" for

Labyrinth, which is expectyear, will include author "Imaginative, critical read- well as conducting cultural

sity Place that is a separate ers, but the specialized ex; entity from the University, will have some space to fill once its books operatlon is phased out. Dorothy Bedford, chair of the store's board of trustees, said that book sales have been "stagnant" and that the board would implement a new strategic focus for its business. Ms. Bedford did indicate, however, that the U-Store would retain its supplies department, pharmacy, and convenience store at its current site.

The store has been disrupted by physical changes that were seen as unwelcome "And some of it is true, to some shoppers, most notably, moving the books section to the third floor, only to move them back to the first floor shortly thereafter.

Efforts to revitalize the U-Store by transforming it booksellers and universi- into the role Labyrinth will said that while his franchise ties. "We've worked very eventually play were considered, but not pursued. "We didn't see the full opportunity in the U-Store," sald ed to be operational in time University President Shirley for the fall 2007 academic Tilghman. Robert Durkee, the school's vice president events, Mr. Simms said, as and secretary agreed, saying that the U-Store's strengths should be recalibrated for other needs:

"The U-Store will be able

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it does exceedingly well and Meanwhile, the U-Store, a uniquely in meeting the pertise is needed to run a

scholarly bookstore.' Mark Burstein, the University's executive vice president, who also had a hand in bringing Labyrinth to Princeton, said recent student surveys indicated that students had become more dependent on non-book-related U-Store services.

While Princeton University's crossing of the proverbial great divide of Nassau Street could cause grousing among some residents and shop owners, the student community is known to be somewhat detached from downtown, despite recent administrative tactics at the University pushing for an effort to establish a better blending. Robert Landau, an owner of Landau on Nassau Street, and neighbor of Micawber, said the presence of Labyrinth could be a boon for downtown businesses.

"For years, the classic pattern has seen students receding from town as the University has been doing more and more on campus," he said, citing the food services at Frist Campus Center as a reason why students stay on campus.

But now, Mr. Landau said, that pattern could change.

"What this does is give stores a whole new population of people," Mr. Landau said, with a nod to one of the Borough's major problems: "A new population that doesn't need to park

—Matthew Hersh

#### Chamber Launches Annual Holiday Initiative. Marketing 'Princeton' as a Viable Product

tition, drawing shoppers to and potential visitors. the overall experience — to wacket. potential shoppers outside the region.

which oversees the Visitors

The program, in short, is meant to promote Princeton's bullt-in assets with a list of programming and events to accompany the hollday season, all capped off with an extensive ad campaign up and down the Northeast corridor. Events include sea-Westminster Choir College of Rider University, Morven's Festival of Trees, and horsedrawn carriage rides though Palmer Square.

Lori Rabon, chair of the Visitors Bureau and general see www.visitprinceton.org manager of the Nassau Inn, stressed the Importance of ton.com. offering holiday goings-on in

With stores like Micawber Princeton under one com-Books announcing its clos- prehensive listing, in addiing this week, due, in part tion to making that listing to Internet and mall compe- easily accessible to shoppers

downtown Princeton is all Nancy Byrne, executive the more important for lo-director of the state's ofcal merchants this holiday fice of Travel and Tourism, season. Which is why, to no remarked that kicking off one's surprise, merchants the Holidays in Princeton crowded the halls of Historic campaign in the foyer of her Morven Monday as the Princ- childhood home was surely a eton Regional Convention & good sign for Princeton. Ms. Visitors Bureau launched its Byrne's father, former Gov. second annual "Holidays Brendan Byrne, was the last in Princeton" campaign, governor to live at Morven geared to promote "Prince- before the official governor's ton" — the name, the shops, residence moved to Drumth-

The Office of Travel and Tourism is at an "all-time "Everything that you need high" in funding for not-foris right here in one place, profit cultural institutions. which, I think, is the most Listed at 40 organizations, important thing about Princ- Ms. Byrne said most of the eton," said Karen Jezierney, funding this year would be chair of the board of direc- appropriated toward holitors of the Princeton Region- day-related programming, al Chamber of Commerce, including music and theater. "We're just really pleased to fund these non-profits who really need the money," she

Karen Colimore, president and CEO of the Chamber, said there was a 50- to 60mile radius placed around Princeton in identifying target areas for marketing. Additionally, Ms. Rabon said sonal performances by the Amtrak had donated about \$10,000 of ad space along its Northeast Corridor line and at Penn Station in Manhattan and 30th Street Station in Philadelphia.

> For more information, and www.holidaysinprince-

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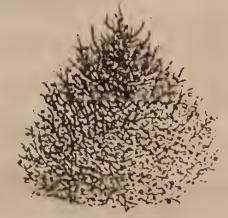
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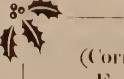
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#### Rutgers Professor Offers Background On Havel's Version of "Beggar's Opera"

It was with pleasure that I read Linda Arntzenius's article (Town Topics, November 15) on Princeton High School's adaptation of Vaclav Havel's version of The Beggars' Opero, an ambitious and courageous undertaking.

As pointed out in the article, Havel's adaptation is a non-musical version of the popular "ballad opera" by the Englishman John Gay, which was produced in London in the early 18th century and was the basis of the still muchperformed Threepenny Opera by Bertold Brecht and Kurt Weill, who used Gay's The Beggars' Opera as the basis of their musical, following the general setting of Gay's, but concentrating more on the social evils that led to a life of

It is interesting to note why Brecht decided to transfer his original German setting of The Threepenny Opera to London. For obvious reasons, Germany, in the early part of the 20th century, was a dangerous place to set (and write) a powerful musical focusing on criminals and various social evils. By setting the scene in an earlier London, Brecht could focus on petty crime and social evils without risk to his life and livelihood. Nonetheless, he and Weill still found life in Germany very difficult before World War II, and emigrated to the United States where both resumed their Participants in "Shop Smart" Initiative successful writing and film careers, especially Brecht.

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#### While Protecting Our "Most Vulnerable." Police Must Deal With Bias Perceptions

To the Editor:

Recently, a meeting at First Baptist Church in Princeton. billed as an open meeting with Mayor Mildred Trotman, transformed into a forum on the performance of the Princeton Borough Police Department. Residents charged the department with a history of insensitivity toward the black community. Their stories ranged from rude treatment at the hands of individual officers to outright racial targeting by the department. Mayor Trotman acknowledged a "perception" of intolerance, and I agree with the mayor that this is an important problem that deserves continued attention. Everyone deserves to be treated with respect by our police.

But I am concerned that by focusing debate on this issue, we are losing sight of other problems: the rise of gangs and. the victimization of our immigrant population. We must remember that this debate had its origins with a series of brutal robberies. It has been alleged that these attacks, where a group of young black men severely beat and robbed lone Hispanic men, were committed by reputed gang members, and were witnessed by Princeton High School students who, at a minimum, failed to report the crimes. Failure to report a crime is itself a crime, and the Princeton Borough police then acted to enforce the law.



I think it is fair to say that community dialog has centered not on the crimes themselves, which may very well have been bias attacks, but on what came after, when the police entered the High School and arrested the students. The students' parents accused the department of not following established procedure, and their concerns were echoed by the Princeton Human Services Commission. But subsequent investigation has shown the accusations to be baseless, as the police followed protocol to the letter.

That the police performed their duties professionally has not produced much community satisfaction, however. Instead, the subject has now changed to racial insensitivity on our police force. While I do not want to minimize this problem, and I believe it deserves our continued effort, cannot ignore the acts committed upon these Hispanic men, members of our most vulnerable population. I believe that claims of rude treatment by officers, while important, cannot erase the fact that members of the immigrant community do not leave their homes at night for fear of being beaten, robbed, or worse.

Our Borough police are presented with difficult challenges in the coming years, including suppressing gangs and protecting a vulnerable immigrant population that Is sometimes afraid to cooperate with them. They are a highly professional force that I believe in the vast majority of cases treats all of our residents with respect. We need to do our part to help them do their jobs.

> ANDREW KOONTZ Spruce Street

# **Princeton Education Foundation Thanks**

To the Editor:

We're writing to express our gratitude to the many generous Princeton merchants who are supporting our public schools this holiday season by participating in Shop Smart. Now in its third year, Shop Smart is a cooperative undertaking of the Princeton Education Foundation, the Borough Merchants for Princeton, and the Princeton Shopping Center stores.

From November 24 to December 24, local merchants of pledge 10 percent of purchases made by Shop Smart key card holders to the Princeton Education Foundation. This 2 year, as in previous years, these gifts are used to help fund new equipment for our public school's science labs.

We urge shoppers to look for the bright green Shop ? Smart window signs and make a special effort to do their holiday shopping where it counts. Parents of school children received a Shop Smart key card that went home in their child's backpack. The cards are also available at the participating merchants listed below, and on the PEF website www.pefnj.org.

We also wish to extend special thanks to Learning Express for underwriting the cost of the key cards, and express our profound gratitude to the many volunteers who contributed their time and enthusiasm to this wonderful local partnership.

The participating merchants as of November 30 are Alchemist & Barrister, Blue Ridge Mountain Sports, Camillo's Café, Chestnut Tree Books, Color Me Mine, Craft Cleaners, 🛱 Cranbury Station Gallery, Cutter's Mill Pet Store, Edward D. Jones & Co., Ici Bébé, ici Monde, Image Arts, Image Photo, J. McLaughlin, Jordan's Cards & Gifts, Kitchen Kapers, Landau, Learning Express, Lisa Jones, Mehck Restaurant, Nassau Interiors, New York Sports Club, Olive's Deli, Bakery and Caterers, Princeton Jewelers, Princeton Video, Red Green Blue, Smith's Ace Hardware, Smith's Ace Housewares, Steppin' Birkenstock Shoes, Subway, Ten Thousand Villages, The Light Gallery, The Papery, The Silver Shop, The Soup Man, Thomas Sweet Chocolate, Thomas Sweet Ice Cream, Tomorrow's Heirlooms, and Triangle Reprocenter of Princeton.

We wish all of Princeton a joyous holiday season.

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#### Wednesday, December 6

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Annual Festival of Trees; Morven Museum & Garden. 55 Stockton Street. Also Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 ું and ∶ ≥ p.m.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Drumthwacket Open House, 354 Stockton Street. Reserva-Etions required; call (609) ള് 683-0057.

7 p.m.: Musical interludes series with pianist Catherine Sprague, This is Pro-

7 p.m.; Darla Rich Quartet; Fedora Cafe, Lawrencev-

8 p.m.: The Value of Nomes; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

#### Thursday, December 7

7 p.m.: Passage Theatre's Fire Girls; Mill Hill Play-

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7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Com-

7:30 p.m.: A Christmos Corol; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Program in Theater & Dance's Set ond Drift; Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Book signing with John Gattuso, author of Tolking to God: Portroit of o World ot Proyer; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route

8 p.m.: Terro Novo; Hamilton Murray Theater, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: College of New Jersey Concert Band and Wind Ensemble; Kendall Hall Main Stage, College of New Jersey, Ewing.

#### Friday, December 8

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.: First Annual Military Appreciation Shopping Day; Quaker Bridge Mall, Route 1, Law-

renceville.

7 p.m.: Annual Tree Lighting, Holiday Concert, and Silent Auction; The Lewis School, 53 Bayard Lane.

8 p.m.: Cots; State Theatre, New Brunswick, Also Saturday, at 3 and 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Hopewell Valley Chorus Winter Concert, Holidoy Lights; Pennington

8 p.m.: You're o Good Mon, Chorlie Brown; Academy Theatre, Bordentown. Also Saturday at 2 and 8

8 p.m.: Talk and book signing with Nikki Giovanni, American poet, essayist, and educator; Bart Luedeke Center Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville. Free.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium, Also Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Greetings!; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8:15 p.m.: Folk Music

Society concert with Sparky and Rhonda Rucker; Christ Congregation Church.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Christine (Chris) Rich and John Kensil; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, December 9

2 p.m.: American Reper-Presbyterian Church, Pen- tory Ballet's The Nutcrocker; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

2 and 8 p.m.: It's o Wonderful Life; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Sunday at 2

and Theater Studio's The Nutcrocker; Montgomery Township High School, Skillman. Also Sunday at noon and 4 p.m.

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quintet; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

7:30 p.m.: Family Holiday Concert with banjo player Tony Trischka and band; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: Klez Dispensers and Beyond the Pale; Arts Council of Princeton's con-TEMPORARY Arts Center, Princeton Shopping Center.

#### Sunday, December 10

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Drumthwacket Open House, 354 Stockton Street. Reservations required; call (609) 683-0057.

1:30 and 3 p.m.: Engelchor Consort, Music ond the Muse: Princeton University Art Museum.

3 p.m.: Princeton University Glee Club Holiday Concert; Richardson Audi-

3 p.m.: New Jersey Opera Theater concert, HolidoyFore; Princeton Public Library. Free.

4 p.m.: Las Vegas magi-4 p.m.: Princeton Dance cian Simon Winthrop; State Theater, New Brunswick.

> 4 p.m.: Eastern Wind Symphony; The College of New Jersey Concert Hall, TCNJ, Ewing.

5 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers' Winter Cotillion Dance; Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Tren-

#### Monday, December 11 **Recycling Pickup**

7:30 p.m.: Book signing with Gennady Spirin, author/illustrator of The Night Before Christmos; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

8 p.m.: Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra & Choir; Richardson Auditorium.

#### Tuesday, December 12

8 p.m.: The Volue of Nomes; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday at 8 p.m., Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Composers' Ensemble at Princeton, works of graduate student composers; Taplin Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Chorus; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community Col-

#### Wednesday, December 13

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Annual Festival of Trees; Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton Street. Also Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4

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4:30 p.m.: James Madison Program Lecture, The Midterm Elections of 2006 ond the Future of Americon Politics, by Claremont

McKenna College Prof. of Government Andrew Busch; Friend Center 006, Princeton University. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Com-

7:30 p.m.: A Christmos Corol; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Jazz Band; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community Col-

8 p.m.: Student recital featuring works of Purcell, Bellini, Schubert, Rodrigo, and Guettel; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

#### Thursday, December 14

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Com-

7:30 to 9 p.m.: Talk, "Post Election Reckoning," with Christine Todd Whitman; Mary Jacobs Memorial Library, Rocky Hill.

7:30 p.m.: Arts Council's staged reading of Charles Evered play Adopt o Soilor; conTEMPORARY Arts Center, Princeton Shopping Center.

#### Friday, December 15

7 p.m.: 'Twos the Night Before Christmos; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 and

7 p.m.: Princeton High School Studio Band's Community Swing Dance; Princeton High School Cafeteria.

8 p.m.: Princeton Pro Musica, Handel's Messiah; Richardson Auditorium. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Voices Chorale concert, Festival of Candles and Carols; Pennington Presbyterian Church, Pennington.

8 p.m.: You're o Good Mon, Chorlie Brown; Academy Theatre, Bordentown. Also Saturday at 2 and 8

8 p.m.: Greetings!; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Joseph Anthony and Anthony Spinner; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, December 16

1 and 8 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet's The Nutcrocker; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Sunday at 1 and 4:30 p.m.

2 p.m.: Book signing with Anne Margaret Lewis, author of Hos Anyone Seen Christmos?; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

4 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra Annual Family Holiday Concert, with Princeton High School Choir; Richardson Auditorium.

p.m.: Tony Mennella and Dick Braytenbah Trio; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

7:30 p.m.: A Holiday Romance with cabaret singer Karen Mason; McCarter

7:30 p.m.: New Jersey Opera Theater concert, HolidayFare; Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: American Boychoir: Princeton University Chapel.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR Wednesday, Dec. 6 – Wednesday, Dec. 13

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108 SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER (SRC) at Spruce Circle (SC) off Harrison St. Suzanne Patterson Bldg (SPB); Redding Circle (RC); Borough Hall (BH); Princelon Community Village (PCV); Henry F Pannell Learning Center (HPLC) Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108.

#### Wednesday, December 6:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB. 10:30 a.m. Lei's Talk; RC. 1:30 p.m. Art with Bob; SPB. 1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.

3:00 p.m. Lei's Talk Too; SC. Memoirs; SC 4:45 p.m. Thursday, December 7:

9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB. 10:00 a.m. Comedies; PCV.

10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC. 1:00 p.m. Memory Improvement; SPB. Art with Hannah; SPB. 1:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. Science Tuesday; BH. Friday, December 8:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB. 10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB. 11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC. 1:00 p.m. Senior Citizen Club; SPB.

Monday, December 11: 9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.

11:30 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC. 1:00 p.m. Caregiver Support Group; SPB. 1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB

Tuesday, December 12: 9:30 a.m. Computer Basics: SPB

11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB. 1:00 p.m. Literature; SC

1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB. 1:00 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB. Wednesday, December 13:

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For more information, call the Plainsboro Preserve at (609) 897-9400 or visit www.NJAudubon.org/ PlainsboroPreserve.

55PLUS will host guest speaker Martin Oppenheimer, Ph.D. at Its December 7 meeting at the Jewish Center of Princeton, 435 Nassau Street, at 10 a.m. Prof. Oppenheimer's topic will be his book, The Hate Handbook.

Prof. Oppenheimer, emeritus professor of sociology at Rutgers University, is currently a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania. A Princeton-area resident for 36 years, he teaches and writes about civif rights, political movements, and Issues related to social class, inequality, and labor. His published work also includes The Urban Guerrillo (1968), White Collar Politics (1985), and The Stote in Modern Society (2000). The Hate Handbook, he såld, ls "about understanding why people hate, how their victims fight back, and what ordinary folks can do to diminish bigotry and violence." Released in pafrom Nazis, white supremacists, and anti-immigrant days or Thursdays. groups to suicide bombers.

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10 a.m. on the first and third dance.org. Thursday mornings of each month except June, July, and August to discuss a wide are open to the public.

The Delaware Valley Music Club will hear a concert of music by Beethoven, Barber, Stravinsky, and David Popper tomorrow, Thursday, December 7 at 2 p.m. at the home of Sonja and Richard Irwin in New Hope, Pa. The musicians will be cellist Arash Amini and pianist Barbara Podgurski.

Mr. Amini has performed as a soloist and orchestral musician throughout the world, from Carnegle Hall to Botswana. He is a cofounder and artistic director of America's Dream Chamber Artists, a new chamber music society based In New York. He has performed frequently with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, American Symphony Orchestra, and Riverside Symphony, among others.

Ms. Podgurskl has performed as soloist and chamber musician in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. As a winner of Artists International's special prize in the chamber music category, she performed her Welll Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall debut in 2002 as a member of the Arabella Piano Trio.

For more information, call (215) 348-8501.

The Central Jersey Dance Society is offering a twodance mambo/safsa lesson series through December 7 at Momentum Fitness, 377 Wall Street. The instructor will be Jose Diaz.

Beginner classes will be perback in 2005, the book offered from 8:30 to 9:45 examines social movements p.m., Intermediate lessons from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on Tues-

> No partner is necessary. Non-marking, soft-soled shoes

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among men who are either the Central Jersey Dance retired or who have flexible Society at (609) 945-1883 or working hours. It meets at email lessons@centraljersey

The West Windsor Keen range of topics with promi- Agers Senior Citizen Club nent speakers. Its meetings wilf hold its holiday dinner meeting on Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the West Windsor Senior Center, 271 Clarksville Road, Princeton Junction. The cost of the dinner will be \$15, and guests are welcome.

Richard Roden will present a program of Christmas music and the history of

For more information and/ or to attend a meeting, call Ruth Boyd at (609) 799-

The Princeton Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the Nassau Club, 6 Mercer Street, this Saturday, December 9 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served and entertainment will be provided by the children of the Morven Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution. The lunch will cost \$18.

Those interested in joining the Princeton Chapter are invited to attend.

For more information about the event or to request a reservation, e-mail newjer sey1776@princetondar.org.

TOWN TOPICS, PRINCETON, N.J., WEDNESDAY, DECEMB LUNCHEON PLANNERS: Green Acres Country Club will be the site for The Dogwood Garden Club

of Princeton's December 7 luncheon meeting, titled "Winter Wonders, Reflections of the Season." The meeting's keynote speaker will be John Hosek, a member of the design team for the Rose Bowl and U.S. Presidential inaugurations. Seen planning the event, from left, are Dogwood Garden Club members Lee Larsen, Kathy Brazell, and Heien Sangster.

The Princeton Country Dancers will hold their Winter Cotillion dance on Sunday, December 10 at 5 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton. The event will begin with a potluck dinner by candlelight; participants are asked ommended to protect the

The event will continue at 6:30 p.m. with carol singing for adults and \$6 for stuand entertainment by local dents. For more informadance teams. The Grand tion, visit www.princetonol March at 7 p.m. will be .com/groups/pcd.

followed by three hours of Contra and English Country Dancing, with a break for a concert by the Cotillon singers and potluck desserts. Music will be by the Fish Family.

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The Princeton Recorder Society will hold a playing meeting on Tuesday, December 11 at the Kingston Presbyterlan Church, Route 27, Klingston, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The conductors will be Shella Fernekes and Anna Laufenberg.

All recorder players and their guests are welcome. There is no charge for firsttime visitors.

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# Look, He Has Come Through: The Work of C.K. Williams

won the 2000 Pulitzer Prize, C.K. Williams was asked what it was he liked about writing poetry - a refreshingly simple question that was answered in the same spirit when he spoke of "a kind of fusion of will and submission and inspiration that's quite marvelous, where something sometimes - at its very best — seems to be happening through you and to you, rather than you making it happen. And there's very little in the world that's like that ... coming out of your own consciousness into something else.'

At its very best, which it often is, the poetry in C.K. Williams's Collected Poems, published last month by Farrar, Straus and Giroux, seems to be happening through you and to you. One advantage of reading a life's work like this in sequence, as it evolved or "happened," is that you can more clearly observe the way the different groups of poems interact, instigating, reflecting, or supporting one another, as if replicating the process Williams described. Thus, over a span of almost 40 years, you can see the outlines of a career in process, an amplified version of that fusing of will and submission and inspiration. And you can see it happening in "The Sanctity," the first poem in Williams's breakthrough 1977 collection With Ignorance. After kicking nicely and explicitly into action, a scene in progress, with street-talking prose like "barrel-assing," the poem discovers itself in the form of a most unmarvelous cantaloupe a carpenter's mother is holding in her lap. If the poem were a short story by Chekhov, it would turn according to what the mother's hands do with the cantaloupe, "fondling it and staring at it with the kind of intensity people usually only look into fires with" and with her thumbs spread "as though the melon were a head and her thumbs were covering the eyes/and she was aiming it like a gun or a camera.

The contrast with the preceding collection, I om the Bitter Nome (1972), is all the clearer because they're side by side in the same volume so that you go right from one to the other, from unpunctuated, uncapitalized stream-of-consciousness whirlwinds that leave you standing in the dust to the more controlled but no less vehemently diverse narrative course taken by "The Sanctity." Along the way Williams signals his awareness of the momentum driving the earlier poems when he admits "I'm working as fast as I can I can't stop to use periods/sometimes I draw straight lines on the page because the words are too slow,"

While it's fair to say that much of his early poetry seems as likely to repel as to attract the reader, C.K. Williams is ultimately the most readable and companionable of poets. Reading him, you find yourself thinking with him, feeling with him, mourning with him, and brooding and despairing with him under the storm cloud shadows of the dark ages of Nixon/ Vietnam/Cambodia and Bush/Iraq.

Like most other readers looking for something to read, I'm not inclined to pick up a book of poems. People are generally more comfortable with prose and more

demanded by poetry, not to mention the 664 pages of it collected here?

Not to worry. As I said in a review of his award-winning 2003 collection The Singing, Williams's poetry "stays with you. You live with it." One reason you want to go back for more, whether from early years, middle, or late, is that he gives you the best of both worlds, making prose and poetry work as one. Whether you call them poems or essays, dissertations or meditations, observations or confessions, or explosions, what comes through is literature. For instance, one of the poems at the epicenter of his work, "She, Though," is a soliloquy worth staging; it makes you want to read it aloud; an accomplished actor could do wonders with it. Like a number of these poems, especially the ones in the first two parts of A Dream of Mind (1992), it manages to suggest a novel's worth of material about relationships in as "One of the Muses," a thorny landscape

flux, about, in this case, the fate of living in, or trying to live in an "art for art's sake" no-man'sland like the one Yeats wrote about in "The Trembling of the Veil." Another association the same poem suggests is 📗 with D.H. Lawrence's cycle, Look, We Have Come Through, which l also thought of when I was reading "One of the Muses," an earlier poem centrally relevant to "She, Though," almost a companion piece, but much longer and much more difficult. Actually, Lawrence's title came to mind before I even started reading the book. Look at the

cover of Collected Poems. This poet has come through and he's come through with

#### The Long Williams Line

long lines in With Ignorance, which had to be printed on especially wide paper to accomodate them. If you flip through Collected Poems, you get a sort of aerial view of the Williams landscape, fields and fields of those lines. From what I've read, it appears that reviewers greeted the Williams line with kneejerk references to Whitman. While quite a few of these poems were written in and of the city across the river from Whitman's Camden, the long lines do not make Williams Whitmanesque. Whitman celebrates Whitman and the world in himself. When Williams turns expressly to himself, it isn't to celebrate; it's to remember, meditate, dissect, agonize, and analyze, as he does most intensely and extensively in "One of the Muses."

You can see a distinct move toward the longer lines in the second stanza of "In the Heart of the Beast," the poem that corcludes I am the Sitter Name, a cry of outrage at the invasion of Cambodia and the shootings of students at Kent State

one for feeling daunted by the extra effort want to hear anymore that the innocent farmer in Ohio on guard duty means well," he's expressing something that almost demands the framework of a statement rather than the relatively unfettered form carrying many of the preceding poems.

Again, because everything is in one volume, giving you the benefit of a 664-page, 35-year overview, you can also observe the poet's progress from the raw outrage expressed in the Nixon/Agnew years to the tempered and enlightened awe, horror, and despair of the post-9/11-into-lrag poems in The Singing and in uncollected dispatches from the homefront like "The "Shrapnel," and "Cassandra,

It may seem perverse to speak of a poet as "companionable" who titles his first three collections Lies, I om the Bitter Nome, and With Ignoronce, and who is capable of a poem as ruthlessly analytical

> I would warn the unwary traveler from traversing without a guide — if 1 were compiling a Baedeker to C.K. Williams. Remember that marvelous "fusion" he spoke of when describing the pleasure of writing poetry? Here it sounds like marvelously hard work. It's tempting to read this protracted struggle, the longest poem in the whole collection, as a sort of sacrificial act, a purging of complex interior material that allows him to get on with the ble poems in Flesh ond

Ah, but that's not as easy as it sounds. After working your way through the muse's labyrinth, you come to a series of uniform eight-liners that seem, whee, like fun and games by contrast, almost stunning in their simplicity and inti-Williams introduced his characteristic macy; one refreshingly incidental vignette after another, observations from daily life, domestic insights, his wife singing, his son on the jungle gym, each fluently, simply, openly expressed - so much so that at times you almost find yourself wishing the embattled poet would come back at least long enough to spread his wings beyond eight lines to maybe 18 or 28. You want a bit more of that struggle and pain and intellectual hardship. You almost begin to think the eight-line stanza is constricting or inhibiting him, as though he were looking back to the passage he'd just come through and telling himself, "No more of that. I'm not going down that twisted road again." Then, just when you begin wishing he would set himself another such challenge or at least construct a thematic home for his eight-liners, you come to Part ll, where he does just that, gathering them under headings like "Reading," "Love," "Good Mother," "Vehicle."

> Carried along by the sense that you are now moving between larger, 32 or 40-

hortly after his collection Repoir responsive to it. And who can blame any- and Jackson State. When he says "I don't line islands of poetry, you come to one of his masterpieces, "Le Petit Salvié," an elegy for another poet and a close friend, Paul Zweig, who died in 1984. Williams is still working the eight-line stanza in this beautifully felt elegy. It's almost as though he's been setting you up, getting you used to the form, anticipating your impatience with its seeming limitations before stunning you with what can be done with it over the course of 18 stanzas. The definitive elegy, of couse, is the "Adonis" Shelley wrote for Keats. If those two had been as close as Williams and Zweig, if they'd shared families, outings, evenings, long intimate sessions reading their poetry to one another, if Shelley had actually held the dying Keats in his arms, kissed him goodbye, I wonder if he'd have been able to sufficiently detach himself from his grief. If he'd had the heart to compose an elegy, it might well have been a plunge into his own wound, and we would have had the "I fall upon the thorns of life, I bleed" Shelley rather than the author of

#### Gifts

s there anyone in prose or in poetry who can express loss as eloquently as C.K. Williams? Surely the challenge to any writer is to go right at grief and love without going overboard or doing what Keats once famously suggested that Shelley had a weakness for when he told him to "be more of an artist" and "load every rift of his subject with ore." The subject of loss illuminates a poem in Lies ("Faint Praise"), takes a brilliant turn in "Grief" (about his mother's last days and the masking of emotion), and is at the heart of The Singing with "Elegy for an Artist." A great elegy is also likely to be more exterior, accessi- a great love poem. Both of Williams's great elegies are that, but it's more than simply love for a friend and fellow artist. it's love for the soul of a relationship, for the essential humanity and soul-satisfying dialogue of support and understanding between sympathetic beings. As ail poems about loss necessarily have to figure out how to deal with it or else to decide that it can't be dealt with, the poem for Zweig is most moving when it attempts to express that dilemma, particularly in stanzas seven through nine. Reading the words 'this unmanly gush I almost welcome," I thought of Coleridge, who is the subject of one of Williams's hitherto uncollected later poems, "Saddening" (so Williamsesque a word I thought he'd coined it). What an elegy Coleridge could have written for himself. You could say he even managed to do as much obliquely, in fragments, in various letters and notebooks, which also brings to mind one of the things, among many, that makes Williams a major poet. He has learned how to capture in poetry the sense of casual intimacy that gives us Coleridge and Keats in the living moment in their letters and notebooks. It's a gift for catching the heart-to-heart quick of the present, that moment when the marvelous "something" simply happens "through you and to you."

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The experience chronicled in Ms. Thomas's book began when her husband left their Upper West Side apartment a series of programs related one day to take their dog for to her book What I Know a walk. The dog returned, Now: Letters to My Youngbut he did not. He was hit er Self and the new session by a car, his brain was shat- of the Life Stories Writing tered, and their lives were Group. changed forever.

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Movis & Her Marvelous Mooncokes is Hosta's most intricate picture book yet, and represents over 18 months of careful cutting for its 32 pages of collages.

Miss Mavis Sugar, the book's main character, is a lovable striped, orange tabby cat with a penchant for baking sweet things like lemon linzers, maple yumyums, and fudgy buttons, to name just a few. Her specialty, however, is baking mooncakes, which take 14 days to make and 14 days to eat; a matter that bears an intentional coincidence to the time it takes the Moon to complete a lunar cycle. Brimming with imagery that offers children the opportunity to study each page, Movis & and Her Morvelous Mooncokes is both bedtime story and science lesson, and even includes a Moon Fact Page, complete with the names of the major lunar phases. In keeping with her love of language, Ms. Hosta employs lots of alliteration and repetition, along



DAR HDSTA AT WORK: Award winning children's author and collage artist Dar Hosta at work in her studio. She will be signing copies of her third book Mavis & Her Marvelous Mooncakes at the contemporary Arts Center in the Princeton Shopping Center on Saturday, December 9, from 2 to 4 p.m.

with some silly rhyming that is scattered throughout the text of this contemporary folktale.

Dar Hosta has been working with children in educational settings for over 13 years. During the school year, she is actively involved in visiting author presentations at schools in the N.J.-Pa. area where she promotes a love of words and art through a dynamic presentation and a creative program and workshop series. She has participated in numerous Arts Council programs and events.

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#### **Angel Reading Lorca** At Aaron Burr Hall

Award-winning poet and author Ralph Angel will read from his translation of the Lorca at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 11, in 219 Aaron Burr Hall.

Spanish poet and dramatist García Lorca was a leading member of the "Generation of 1927," a group of writers who advocated avantgardism in literature. His work is a balance of modern and traditional and he con Poetry. became known as the poet of Andalusia and its gypsy 1927). He gained fame as a and Program in Creative playwright with the roman- Writing.

tic historical play Morino Pinedo, for which Salvador Dali constructed the set and

The Edith R. White Distinworks of Frederico Garcia guished Professor of English at the University of Redlands, Mr. Angel received the 1995 James Laughlin Award for his book, Twice Removed. His poems have appeared in The New Yorker and The American Poetry Review and have been collected in various anthologies including The Best Ameri-

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Artists Alliance (PAA) took show. Her "Canal Reflections on the challenge and took I" and "Canal Reflections II" to the outdoors, selecting are small 8 x 8 inch oil on more than 20 of the Trust's wood paintings on sale for 159 properties to interpret \$500 each or \$950 for the in a range of media, tech- pair. niques and styles, including includes paintings on canvas walked the towpath, other and wood, watercolors, digi- artists hiked through woodtal prints and mixed media lands and trekked through sculptures.

at the Johnson Education perpetuity. Center, One Preservation Greenway Land Trust.

showcases 50 pieces of art several artists for a tour of art, it provides an opportu- roads I'd never been down vious of the camaraderie and nity to view the new Johnson Education Center which is housed in a renovated circa 1900 barn that has been adapted for use as a meeting place for grass roots preservation groups. Originally part of Archibald Douglas Russell's Edgerstoune Estate, the barn is worth a visit on its own account as an example of architectural adaptive re-use.

"As artists, we respond to the world around us in many different ways," said Marsha Levin Rojer, president of the PAA. "We delight in Is beauty and are awed by its complexity, are calmed by the tranquility, and engaged by the worlds within.

Ms. Levin-Rojer's 20 x 26 inch Conte crayon drawing "Preserved Peace," speaks to the exhibition's theme and is on sale for \$1,500.

Other artists whose work is on view include: Joanne Augustine, Hetty Baiz, Anita Bernarde, Rajie Cook, Clem Fiori, Carol Hanson, Shellie Jacobson, Margaret Johnson, Nancy Lee Kern, Marsha Levin-Rojer, Lore Lindenfeld, Charles McVicker, Lucy Graves McVicker, Ruane Miller, Harry Naar, Barbara Osterman, Tina Salversen, Madeleine Shellaby, Peter Stefferson, Märie Sturken, Madhvi Subramanian, William Vandever, and Barbara Gould Watts.

Nancy Lee Kern's "Guernsey Cow #2" (\$1,000), rendered in oil on canvas, was inspired by a scene from Coventry Farm on the Great Road that the Trust helped preserve for public use.

Charles McVicker's 30 by 48 inch oil on canvas, "Rocky Hill Spillway," fea-tures a point on the Delaware and Raritan canal familiar to walkers between Kingston and Griggstown. \$1,925 of the \$5,500 asking price will benefit the D&R Greenway Trust.

"My wife and I regularly exercise by the canal, and I particularly enjoy this spot because of the reflections on

In celebration of its record the water," said Mr. McVick-

reflections of light on water Members of the Princeton as two small oils in the foyer

While the McVickers fields. Some wielded cam-"Princeton Artists Alliance eras, others used brushes, and Preservation," an exhibithread, clay, pencil sketches tion of the resulting artwork, and varied other media, to is on view in the Marie L. capture the essence of land Matthews Gallery upstairs that is now preserved, and and other spaces downstairs funded for stewardship in

Marie Sturken, a resi-Place, through December dent of the area for some 29. All work is available for 40 years, discovered a new purchase and 35 percent of world of inspiration as a the sale price benefits D&R result of the PAA assignment when D&R Greenway The exhibition not only naturalist Bill Rawlyck took by local artists and the retthe Sourland Mountains. lationship between land and "I found it quite different,"

is the result.

linen pulp from a mold con. In bars, he said. structed in her Queenston Common basement studio, with its wealth of painters the work and its evolution and photographers would be are described on a note in a great place to create an the exhibition. The process is almost as fascinating as the work Itself, involving ball rolling. Each of the five acrylic adhesive, foam core shapes, fine sand, and a trip to a New York paper mill.

Photographic works include William Vandever's 20 x 30 inch digital print, "Bridge Tender's Garden" (\$800) and a photographic collage of preserved land in Montgomery by Clem Fiorl. One of the few images to include people, it is on sale for \$3,500 (\$1,225 of which goes to the Trust). The collage features smiling children, working gardeners, and nature walkers in a panoramic view of the open landscape to the northern edge of the Stonebridge residential community.

The show also features mixed media masks such as Hetty Baiz's "Woodland Spirit" sculptures and an embellished rocking chair.

#### Princeton Artists Alliance

Princeton artist Charles McVicker had long been en-

before; it was an eye-open- sociability of the impressioner,' she said. Her 30 x 40 ists and abstract painters of inch handmade paper work earlier years who would hang "Sourlands Creek" (\$2,000) out together picnicking and out together picnicking and drinking wine en pleine air Produced using flax and or fighting with one another

> Thinking that Princeton alliance of artists, he invited five artist friends to get the made a list of others to invite and before long a sizeable group had formed. That was back in 1989.

"I am surprised and delighted that the group has stayed together for so long." sald Mr. McVicker. Of the original group, Marie Sturken and Maggle Johnson, along with the McVickers have work in this show.

The group, which meets every month except for the summer, often works around a theme: The Trenton Marsh for a show at Bristol Myers Squibb and an exhibition of work inspired by poetry at the State Museum in Trenton are two recent examples.

Working together creates subtle influences and certain attitudes, perhaps even a little competition," said Mr. McVicker.

The exhibition is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. through December 29. For more information, call (609) 924-4646, or visit www.dr

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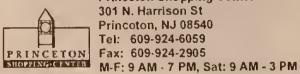
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DRAWN BY LIGHT: Rajie Cook's 40 x 40 inch digital print "Drawn by Light" (\$1,600) is among the artwork on sale in the exhibition inspired by the results of local land preservation at the Johnson Education Center, off Rosedale Road, Tuesdays through Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. through December 29.



CANAL REFLECTIONS: This small 8 x 8 inch oll on wood panel is one of two by Lucy Graves McVicker included in "Princeton Artists Alliance and Preservation," an exhibition of work inspired by preserved land in the area. The exhibition is on view Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. through December 29 at the Johnson Education Center. A portion of the sale of Ms. McVicker's work and that of other artists in the show benefits the D&R Greenway Land Trust. For more Information, call (609) 924-4646, or visit www.drgreenway.org.



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#### The Gallery at MCCC Hosts "Channel Traces"

"Channel Traces," featur-ing works by Jean Burdick and Catherine R. Watkins, will be on display at The Gallery, Mercer County Community College, through December 20.

The show features recent paintings, collages, prints, and assemblages by the two artists who "combine an elegant, intelligent approach to the art-making process with an intuitive use of materials and design," according to Tricia Fagan, Gallery director. "Although they are each concerned about exploring different issues in their work, they share a curiosity about relationships -- both obvious and hidden and mysteries of the lives we live. They also share a love of color and surface that makes this a really beautiful

A Yardley, Pa. resident, Jean Burdick has been an art instructor for more than 25 years. She currently teaches for the West Windsor-Plainsboro school dis-trict, and for the past two years worked as a continuing education instructor for MCCC at ARTWORKS, Talking about her work, she observed, "Textures and colors from microscopic organisms, botanical references, topographical maps and aerial views influence my thought and working process as I develop a drawing, print, or painting.'

Catherine Watkins has been a resident artist and teacher at the Peddie School since 1989. Describing the large collaged paintings included in Channel Traces, she said: "The work is almost universally propelled by autobiographical obsessions...the nostalgic significance of place, the unwinding of family psychology,



"ELEMENTALS": An example of collaged work by Catherine Watkins on display through December 20 In "Channel Traces" at The Gallery, Mercer County Community College. Also on exhibit will be work by Jean Burdick.

the uneven (and unreliable terrain of childhood.'

Exhibit hours are Mondays, 9 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m..; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College is located on the second floor of the Communications Building, at 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. Call 609-570-3588.



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In addition, VSA/NJ is accepting applications for the eighth Art ParExcellence statewide touring art exhibit featuring original two-dimensional artwork by students with disabilities. The age categories are under 12 and 12 through 21. Each public and private school is invited to submit one work. Selected entries will have their work professionally displayed in three prestigious locations throughout the state. The artists will be recognized at an opening reception with their families, teachers, and school administrators as invited guests. Application deadline is January 30.

For applications and registration information, contact VSA Arts of New Jersey, 703 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901; call (732) 745-3885, or e-mail info@vsanj.org.



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"FREDDY": Taken in Boston, this photograph will be on display at the Bernstein Gallery af the Woodrow Wilson School as part of "Unacceptable Losses," a photo-documentary by Arthur Robinson Williams examining current U.S. drug policies and the Individuals most affected by them. The exhibit will run fhrough January 19, 2007.

#### Bernstein Exhibit Focuses On Drugs and Addiction

"Unacceptable Losses." a photo-documentary by Arpolicies and the individuals most affected by them, will the Woodrow Wilson School from now through January 19, 2007. There will be an artist reception on January 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

share the stories of everyday Americans who have been impacted by drugs and addiction. From July 2004 through July 2005, Mr. Williams toured the country visiting treatment facilities, outreach programs, and homeless shelters to advo-cate for more of a public health approach (rather than a law enforcement emphasis) to address addiction and substance abuse. "Unacceptable Losses" specifically focuses on Issues surrounding access to treatment, sentencing, syringe access, harm reduction, and medical marljuana. Recurring themes include the intersection of mental lilness, HIV/AIDS, the spread of disease, prostitution, sexuality, homelessness, incarceration, and poverty with drug abuse.

The exhibition consists of large format color and black & white silver gelatin print portraiture. Influenced by Dorothea Lange and the subject matter of Nan Goldin and Larry Clark, the work attempts to give voice to marginalized members of society while focusing on the humanity of subjects involved. Shot with mostly natural light and minimal manipulation, the body of the exhibit aims to honestly portray individuals (currently and formerly) struggling with chemical dependency and those who work with them. All portraits are accompanied by text panels housing lengthy excerpts from Interviews with project participants and information about addiction and incarceration in the United States. Material is available online at www .UnacceptableLosses.org.

A native of North Carolina, Mr. Williams graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. While at Princeton, he Emmet Gowin, Lois Conner, and Mary Berridge. He com-

pleted photography projects involving HiV/AIDS and the people of Ghana, the Cuban health system, homosexualthur Robinson Williams ex- Ity in the Netherlands, anamining current U.S. drug throposophical farming communes, and injection drug use in New Jersey. be at the Bernstein Gallery at His work can be found at www.robinsonwilliams.com. Mr. Williams, a Jack Kent Cooke graduate scholar and Humanity in Action Senior 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fellow, is currently a medital three exhibit is designed to cal student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine working on public health initiatives and taking photographs.

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which includes 130 French. Belgian, and Spanish Fin-desiècle posters and is the largest and most comprehensive exhibition to date dealing with French posters and their influence from the early nineteenth-century Romantic period to Art Nouveau.

Visitors can also check out the Zimmerli's Holiday Boutique, which will remain through December 31st.

The Zimmerli Art Museum is located at 71 Hamilton Street in New Brunswick. For further information, call (732) 932-7237 ext. 610 or visit www.zimmerli museum.rutgers.edu.

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Guido da Siena, Italian, ca. 1250-ca. 1300 Annunciation (detail) Tempera on wooden panel, 35.1 x 48.8 cm. Museum purchase, Caroline G. Mather Fund (y144) (photo; Bruce M. White)

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THIS WEEK AT THE MUSEUM

#### **Events**

\*Art for Families (tickets required) Angels We Have Seen on High Earlene Cancilla, museum docent December 9, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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#### **Exhibitions**

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Front and Center: The Human Figure in Drawings by Pietro da Cortona and His Contemporaries Through January 21, 2007

\*Tickets are avallable in the museum shop. Admission is \$5 per child and free for Friends of the Princeton University Art Museum.

#### Zimmerli Art-After-Hours On Thursday, December 7

The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting a special Art-After-Hours program from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Cafe Z. Regular museum admission fees apply (Adults \$3). Members, and Rutgers faculty, students, and staff attend free.

The program begins at 6 p.m. with an Exploring Picture Books lecture by Denise Cronin, art director at Viking Books, who will take the audience through the beginning-to-end process of working with various artists on the creation of children's books. All types of books will be discussed, with a particular emphasis on picture

In conjunction with the museum's exhibition, "Toulouse-Lautrec and the French Imprint," French string quartet music will be performed at 7:15 p.m. by New York concert ensemble, the Lautreamont Concert Series Players. Members of the group have trained at musical institutions such as the Juilliard School and the Paris Conservatory, and have many years of experience performing as chamber musicians and soloists. The musicians of Lautreamont have appeared at Camegle Hall, Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall and Alice Tully Hall in New York, and have

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**Artful Deposit Celebrates** Spirin's Christmas Book

Artful Deposit Gallery in

tion with a masterful watermas, with an exhibit of the of Arts in Moscow and Mosartist's work through January cow Stroganov Institute of p.m. The new book is pub-books. His artwork also illus-this year. lished by Marshall and Cav- trates the works by Shakeendish. Originai art, limited speare, Chekhov, and Toledition books and prints will stoy, as well as many classic be both on display and for folktales. His art has earned him five Gold Medals from

Gennady Spirin's style the Society of Illustrators combines Russian art tradi- and four New York Times "The Best Illustrated Book Bordentown will celebrate color technique. He gradu- of the Year" awards. He Gennady Spirin's new book ated from Surikov School was invited by Laura Bush The Night Before Christ of Fine Art at the Academy and The Library of Congress to be a special guest at the 2006 National Book Festi-5, 2007, and a book signing Art and has since illustrated val. He also created the arton December 10 from 1 to 4 more than 40 children's work for the festival poster

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in Bordentown will celebrate Gennady Spirin's new book man, throughout the month The Night Before Christmas, with an exhibit of the artist's work through January 5, 2007, and a book signing on December 10 from 1 to December 16.

Lambertville is presenting "NOW is what IS," an exhibit featuring Taylor Oughton and Stacie Speer Scott that will run through December 10. Located at 32 Coryell Street, the gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment.

The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPO-RARY Arts Center, located in the Princeton Shopping Center, is presenting "Missing Dog": A Photographic Celebration of Our Community Kiosks by Walter Frank, which will be on display in the Reading Room through December 22. "Sauce for the Goose," the annual holiday arts and crafts sale, will be held from November 30 through December 22. Dar Hosta will sign copies of her third book Movis & Her Marvelous Mooncakes on Saturday December 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Bernstein Gallery at the Woodrow Wilson School is presenting "Unacceptable Losses," a photo-documentary by Arthur Robinson Williams examining current U.S. drug policies and the individuals most affected by them, from now through January 19, 2007.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street, in Lambertville, is currently presenting "Two Points of View," a special exhibit featuring oil painters Lisa Mahan and Colette Sexton, which will run through January 14, 2007.

The Gallery at Chapin is hosting "Town and Country," the watercolors of Charles McVicker, through December 15. The gallery is open by appointment during school hours; call (609) 924-

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College is hosting "Channel Traces," an exhibit of artwork by Jean Burdick and Cathy Watkins, through De-

The Gallery at Plainsboro Public Library will 25. The museum is located

Artful Deposit Gallery Beggars and Rebels," the recent work of Lionel Goodof December.

> Gallery 125 is presenting Small Works," a 26-artist exhibit that will run through

Gallery 14, 14 Mercer The Artists' Gallery in Street, in Hopewell, is presenting an exhibit of photography by Jay Goodkind and Karl Heinz Gartlgruber, on view through December 24.

Grounds for Sculpture will be hosting three exhibitions of contemporary sculpture through April 29, 2007. Manuel Neri's exhibition 'Figure in Relief" will be on view in the Museum Building. Steven Siegel's "Wonderful Life" and the International Sculpture Center's 2006 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards will be exhibited in the Domestic Arts Building. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton.

The Gruss Center of the Visual Arts at The Lawrenceville School is presenting "Myself, My Camera, My World," a photography exhibit featuring the work of homeless and in-transition children from the 2006 Ennis Beley Project. The exhibit will run through December 12. Larry McKim's "Aerial Views" will also run through December 12, at the Marguerite & James Hutchins Gallery.

The Hopewell Frame Shop Gallery will be exhibiting work by Susan Winter, Beatrice Bork and Gail Bracegirdle through Decem-

Howard Gallery of Fine Art & Framing in New Hope, Pa. is hosting the annual group artist exhibit, which will run the entire month of December.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting "Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leith-Ross," through March 4, 2007. "Duane Hanson: Real Life," will be on view through January 14. "Constructions: Photographs by Michael Becotte" will run through March 18, and an outdoor sculpture installation by Christoph Spath will be on view through February be presenting "Hucksters, at 138 South Pine Street

in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-

Form Radiating Life: The Paintings of Charles Rosen" will be on view in the Carol & Louis Della Penna Gallery at the Michener Museum at 500 Union Square Drive in New Hope through January 28.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum In New Brunswick is presenting 'Toulouse-Lautrec and the French Imprint: Fin-de-siècle Posters in Paris, Brussels, and Barcelona," which will be on view in the museum's Voorhees Special Exhibition Galleries through February 18, 2007. Other exhibits are "Word and Image: Visual Experiments of Soviet Nonconformist Artists, 1960s-80s" in the DuBrow Gallery through March 25, 2007, and in the Russian Special Exhibition Gallery: Word and Image: Visual Experiments of Russian Artists, 910s-30s." The museum is also presenting a special Art-After-Hours program from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The Jewish Center at 435 Nassau Street is presenting "The Nature of Existence: Photographs by Maria Reim and Gil Gordon," through January 7. There will be a reception for the artists from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 10.

Lachman Gallery, 39 North Main Street in New Hope, Pa. will be showing "Fresh Paint," pastels and oils of Bucks County by Al Lachman through December

The Montgomery Center for the Arts will be hosting an invitational art exhibition, 'Science as Muse: Eight Artistic Riffs on Science and Technology," through February 4, 2007 at its gallery at the 1860 House in Skillman, New Jersey.

Morven Museum & Garden will showcase New Jersey architecture with the exhibit, "A New Jersey Treasure: The Large House in Miniature," which opens on December 6: The exhibit will be decorated for the holidays through January 7 and will remain on view through March 30, 2007

The Nassau Club at 6 Mercer Street is presenting a solo exhibition by Gordon Haas titled "Our Local Area" through January 7.

Orpha's Coffee Shop in Skillman, across 206 from the Montgomery Shopping Center, will be presenting a Watercolor Associates Exhibit during the month of

Princeton Day School is hosting an outdoor exhibit featuring metal, wood, stone and concrete sculptures on the PDS campus through June 2007.

Princeton Senior Resource Center and the gallery talk at noon. Williams Gallery have extended the exhibition, "Japanese Printmaking Today: A New Perspective," through tries" is currently in place Friday, December 8. A por- on the second floor of 100 tion of the proceeds will go to PSRC.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting "Pietro da Cortona's Saint Martina Refuses to Adore the Idols: A Painting in Context" & "Front & Center: Figure Drawings by Pietro da Cortona and His Contemporaries," through January 21, 2007. "Fin de at 7:30 p.m. Siècle" traces the evolution of Modernism from the 1880s to the 1940s and will be on view through January 14 in two side-by-side exhibitions featuring more than 50 works on paper from the collections of the museum and the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Firestone Library. Japanese Views of East and West: Imprinting the Other In Meiji Eyes," an exhibition of color woodblock prints focusing on the country's perceptions of other cultures from the 1860s to the beginning of the twentieth century, will be on view through January 7.

Red Green Blue at 4 Hulfish Street will be showing artwork by students from the Hun School this month in its new children's art gallery.

The Silva Gallery of Art at the Pennington School will present an exhibition featuring figure sculptures by Arts faculty member Dolores Eaton and photographs by senior Matthew Pandolfe. The exhibit will continue through December 14 with a closing

The Straube Center in Pennington's fall 2006 Art Exhibition "Cottage Indus-Straube Center Boulevard in Pennington, located just off Route 31 and West Franklin Avenue. The exhibition will run through December 16. Back from a two-week photography assignment in Morocco, David Simchock will present an interactive, photographic essay of his trip on Friday, December 8

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#### MUSIC REVIEW

## Westminster Choir College Displays **Talent With Two Entertaining Operas**

estminster Choir College is not full and rich soprano sound. just for choirs anymore. Especially since the merger with Rider University, the Choir College has expanded its performance opportunities beyond the choral field. There is now a particularly strong emphasis in the vocal department on operatic training (especially under the leadership of current opera department head Daniel Beckwith), and some of the most recent crop of students had a chance to demonstrate their training this past weekend in a set of two operas by very different composers but both from the early part of the twentieth century. The central opera of the evening was Puccini's comic Gianni Schlechi, usually paired with another of Puccini's one-act operas, but in this production performed with a very unusual and difficult work.

The music of British composer Gustav Holst is hidden well enough in the repertory of regularly-performed music, but the fact that he composed eight operas is almost completely unknown by the average audience member. The chamber opera Savitri, composed in 1916 for the London School of Opera, plays on the turn-of-the-century operatic fascination with the Eastern world and draws its storyline from a simple Sanskrit tale. The opera is scored for only three characters, performed on Saturday night (the show was repeated Sunday afternoon) in the Westminster Playhouse by tenor Michael King, soprano Rachel Brook, and bass Jeffrey Gavett. The musical style ranges from a Weber fascination with the occult to Wagnerian harmonies to Britten-esque pointillism, with a tremendous amount of a cappella singing, but the three talented singers of the Westminster opera department were well up to the challenge.

A long unaccompanied introduction sung by Mr. Gavett set the musical scene that this was an opera that would require solid concentration by the singers to maintain pitch with no melody onto which to hang. A senior in the vocal performance division of the College, Mr. Gavett demonstrated a vocal maturity beyond his years, as well as an ability to convey the drama of his character, Death. The lighter lyric tenor Michael King, although a bit in trouble in some of the very high registers, provided an appropriately light-hearted character and voice to Satyavan, the woodsman whom is being pursued by Death. Standing in between these two characters is Satyavan's wife, Savitri, sung by Master's candidate Rachel Brook. Ms. Brook's voice filled the space of the Playhouse well, with excellent diction and a very

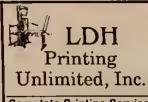
Holst was fascinated with voices from afar, as can be seen in his symphonic work The Planets, and this opera also included a chorus of off-stage voices. The choral writing was among the most interesting of the opera, and the Westminster Kantorei, conducted on Saturday night by Madeline Tsai, was effective in the very dry and ethereal choral writing. The orchestration of a full production of this opera would have added to the musical color, but Mr. Beckwith capably held things together from the piano. Musically, Sovitri worked almost without flaws, but the stage direction might deserve a few hisses for characterizing Death with a swastika on his forehead, a rather unfortunate bit of stereotyping.

As dark as Sovitri was as an opera, Puccini's Gionni Schicchi was lighthearted and comical. While the costumes of Sovitri were stark and simple, the costumes and set of Schicchi were opulent and colorful. The opera plot was centered on the scheming character of Gianni Schicchi, who successfully deceived his neighbors and took the deceased Buoso's fortune for himself. Master's candidate John-Andrew Fernández may only be in his early twenties, but he was able to humorously convey an older man with a wide range of very funny (and vocally solid) singing styles and gestures. Mr. Fernández was surrounded by a full cast of talented and equally humorous singers, especially Mat thew Knickman, playing the two roles of Maestro Spinelloccio and Guccio with a character reminiscent of television's Darryl and his other brother Darryl.

n every Puccini opera there is one vocal showstopper, in this case "O mio babbino caro," sung by senior Annie Leonardi with sensitivity and warmth as she cajoled her father (Schicchi) into letting her run off with her beloved. This production was concisely conducted by Daniel Beckwith, with Eldon Murray also superbly leading things from the piano.

Westminster Choir College now includes a full season of opera productions and scenes as part of its performing life. These productions may or may not move across the street to the new Princeton High School auditorium (it was hard for everyone to see the stage in the one-level Playhouse), but regardless of where these productions are, they will provide the students at the Choir College with solid opportunities to refine their operatic skills and try out new roles.

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CONSORT CONCERT: "Music and the Muse" will be the title of a holiday concert to be presented by the Engelchor Consort at the Princeton University Art Museum this Sunday, December 10 at 1:30 p.m. and at 3 p.m. Consort members, clockwise trom top left, are Mary Elizabeth Stewart, Sue Parisi, Elizabeth Horn, Mary Benton, and Patricia Hlatter. The concert is open to the public free of charge but space is limited. For more information, call (609) 258-3788, or visit www. princetonartmuseum.org. The museum is located in the center of the University campus next to Prospect House.



Catherine Sprague

New Music Series Opening At Public Library Tonight

The Princeton Public Li-Sunday, December 10 at 3 p.m. in the first floor Community Room when members of New Jersey Opera Theatre return to the library for HolidoyFore, the company's popular family concert of seasonal music.

Ms. Sprague will take the

ney through Mozart's life, from his days as a child prodigy touring the courts brary will kick off its new of Europe to his final years Musical Interludes series at In Vienna, where he died at 7 p.m. tonight, December 35. Her program of excerpts 6, with a program titled from Mozart's piano sonatas This is Mozort featuring will also include recordings planist Catherine Sprague. of the composer's music The series will continue on and a multimedia slide show with images of his life and

> A Branchburg resident, Ms. Sprague studied with Russian master Malvina

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# English Honor and Nationalism Vie With Norwegian Pragmatism In Scott v. Amundsen Race to the South Pole at Theatre Intime

the bright white back wall of the stage. These are the proud Englishmen of Captain Robert Falcon Scott's ill-fated expedition. They are at the South Pole, and, though they realize they have been beaten by Norwegian Roald Amundsen and his party, Scott decides to take the photo anyway, the Union Jack hoisted behind them. It is 1912. The photo, an actual record of this historic moment, is faded. The men gaze straight ahead, seemingly expressionless within their massive parkas.

Five young actors assume that tablean in front of the photograph at the end of the first of two acts of Terra Nova, Ted Tally's evocative historical drama, currently playing at Theatre Intime on the Princeton University campus.

None of the men in that photo survived. The film was found with their frozen bodies, only eleven miles away from completing a safe return to their base camp. Also remaining were Scott's eloquent journals and letters, the source material for Terra

Mr. Tally, best known for his screenplay of Silence of the Lambs (1991), wrote Terra Nova in 1977 when still a graduate student at Yale School of Drama. It is a captivating tale of tragic heroism, mystery, and adventure, interweaving the bleak fate of the five explorers with scenes from Scott's memory and imagination. Amundsen, whose harsh, pragmatic approach to over the tragic events.

Scenes of Edwardian England on the

The Theatre Intime ensemble, under the direction of Princeton University junior Douglas Lavanture, is a capable, spirited group, but the challenges for this production seem almost as daunting as those about them. of Scott's mission. Nothing that happens on stage is quite able to measure up to Amundsen, Thomas Dollar succeeds in

The haunting photo of the five explore the competition clashes with Scott's aristo- of the five are striking at times, these fig- of interactions with his wife Kathleen (Cate ers in a tableau, two sitting in front, cratic British sense of fair play, appears as ures lack the depth and three-dimensional- Adams), with Amundsen, with his men, the tragedy in the second act.

Liz Abernethy's stark, simple white set, verge of World War I, and of Scott's trou- with fabric providing contour and variation, bled relationship with his wife Kathleen, effectively creates the austere frozen tunprovide a counterpoint to the main drama, dra, with assistance from lighting by Shawn as the grim fate of the doomed expedition Fennell and Josh Williams, and haunting sound designed by Mr. Lavanture. But the fact that the characters only sporadically seem to actually be suffering the effects of the cold and harsh conditions makes it difficult for the audience to care deeply

As a red-haired physically imposing

three standing behind, projects on a sort of master of ceremonies, presiding ity necessary to deliver the full weight of and with his own doubts and fears. Kut his London roots to advantage to handle the language deftly and create a strong characterization; Shawn Fennell is the upbeat jokester of the band; Stephen Strenio

plays the ingenuous, hapless youth who is injured early on and eventually declines into madness; and Damian Carrieri is the doctor who can provide little beyond morphine and opium tablets to mitigate the suffering.

Ms. Adams has her best moments in the second act, particularly in a scene flashing back to her early courtship with Scott, and then her final scene, where she receives the belated news of her husband's death.

For my own sake I do not regret this ¶ journey," Scott wrote in his final journal entry, adapted as the final speech of the play. "We took risks, we knew we took them; things have come out against us, and therefore we have no cause for complaint. Had we lived, I should have had a tale to tell of the hardihood, endurance, and courage of my companions which would have stirred the heart of every Englishman. These rough notes and our dead The British accents here are a problem Mr. Dollar is strong and clear, witty and bodies must tell the tale." Heroic words, in their lack of consistency and compre- acerbic, effectively wielding the menacing indeed — the kind of heroism, patriotism, honor, and devotion to duty that may have been lost in World War I and the subsequent decline of the British Empire, but lives again in Ted Tally's grim and memorable Terra Nova.

-Donald Gilpin

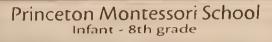
Theatre Intime's production of Ted Tally's "Terra Nova" runs for one more weekend, Thursday through Saturday, December 7-9, with shows at 8 p.m. each day and an additional matinee on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. Call (609) 258-1742 or visit www.princeton.edw/utickets for tickets and further information.

the evocative power and intensity of the capturing the spirit of this brutal, win-atoriginal photographs projected on the back all-costs leader. "Toughen your heart, Engwall - first the images of the Terra Nova, lish," he warns Scott. Amundsen, lacking continent, then the final picture of the five sacrifice his dogs and men, if necessary, Englishmen who never returned.

hensibility, Improvements in diction and demeanor of the antagonist. projection in the upcoming final weekend Also, though Mr. Tally's characterizations and inner turmoil of this figure, in a range

Scott's ship bringing the men to the frigid the quaint British notion of fair play, will for the survival and success of his mission.

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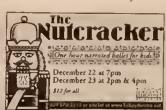
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Kelsey Kids Playshops will be held for ten sessions from January 13 through March 17. Offered in collaboration with Youth Stages, the workshops are offered in two sessions. Kindergartners through second graders will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for PLAYtime, a younger children an opportunity to express themselves through movement, language, and pantomime. PLAYing Around with Theatre, for third through fifth graders, meets from 10:45 a.m. to noon, and encourages children to assume course coordinators include eratively to create improvicharacters and work coopsational scenes. A sharing with family and friends will take place on March 17. The cost is \$175.

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PLAY TIME: Participants in Keisey Theatre's tail Playshop curriculum expressed themselves through movement and pantomime. Class members pictured, trom left, are Sharanya Thodupunoo of Lawrenceville, Mila Cloldt of Lawrenceville, Hannah Gumpert of Princeton, Quinten Darling of Morrisville, Sarah DeMarzio of Robbinsville, and Reilly Linskey of Princeton Junction. Theater workshops for kindergartners to 12th graders will resume at Mercer County Community College on January 13.

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Class sizes are limited. and Off-Screen also runs Placement of sixth graders from January 13 to March in either the younger or old-17. Presented by Graffiti er classes will be based on

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Richard Schiff "Underneath the Lintel" Transferring to London

Underneoth the Lintel, seen recently at New Brunswick's George Street Playhouse, is headed for London. The play, by Glen Berger and starring Richard Schill of The West Wing, will begin a ten-week engagement at London's Duchess Theatre, on Catherine Street, in February.

Mr. Schill will return to the cast in the role of a small town Danish librarian whose life is irrevocably changed by the discovery of an overdue library book returned 113 years late.

Maria Mileal, who directed the George Street production, will also oversee the remounting of the production in London.

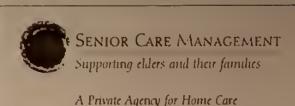
"I am so pleased that this extraordinary play is being given this second lile on the London stage," said George Street Playhouse Artistic Director David Saint. "It is an important part of our misslon to nurture new work, and give it a life outside of our lour walls. What is especially gratilying is that the producers have chosen to transfer our production - from members of the creative team to costume, prop, and set pieces — to the West

The London premiere will begin previews on February 7, with opening night set for February 12. The play had Its U.S. premiere off-Broadway in 2001 where it played more than 400 performances and won the 2001 Ovation Award for Best Play. At the

George Street Playhouse, where the play ran in early 2006, it played to the highest capacity audiences in the Playhouse's history.

Mr. Schiff's television work includes his portraval of White House communications director Toby Ziegler on The West Wing, for which he received a Best Supporting Actor Emmy Award and three Emmy nominations. He has also appeared in numerous Iilms, including I Am Som, Molcolm X, Lost World: Jurassic Park, People I Know, Forces of Nature, Deep Impact, Hoffa, Living Out Loud, My Life, Heaven, and The Hudsucker Proxu.

Mr. Berger has also written several episodes for the PBS children's series Arthur, Ior which he was nominated for two Emmys.

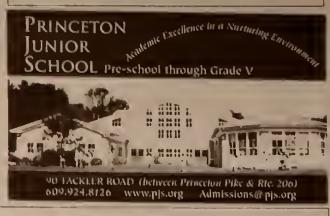


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#### REVIEW CINEMA

## **Blood Diamond**

# High-Impact African Action Film Is a Flawed Gem

anny Archer (Leonardo DiCaprio), a soldier of by Edward Zwick (Glory). fortune from Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia), is in highest bidder, regardless of whether it's the government People interested in a more in depth examination of the

or the rebel led Revolutionary United Front (RUF). Danny is bitter about the loss of his birthplace, which he refers to by its coloniai name Rhodesia. He doesn't care how much blood is shed during Sierra Leone's

interminable civil war as long as the violence is hlack versus black and he is able to profit from it.

man from the Leone. Mende tribe

who would like nothing more than to leave his homeland; but only after he finds his family — which vanished during the chaos — but he has no idea whether they're dead or alive. Solomon had the good fortune to find a priceless stone while being forced to dig for diamonds at gunpoint by the outlawed RUF. The problem is that he had to bury the gem at the mining site because he would have been executed on the spot if he had been caught stealing.

Meanwhile, Maddy Bowen (Jennifer Connelly), an American journalist, is in the country doing research in an attempt to expose the nelarious role that the diamond industry plays in the war because it emphasises profits over human rights principles. Somehow the fates of these three strangers, Danny, Solomon and Maddy, become intertwined in Blood Diamond, a taut thriller directed

Set in Sierra Leone in 1999, the movie is essentially Sierra Leone to trade arms for diamonds to the an action adventure film despite its political pretensions.

subject should also see the informative documentary Empire in Africa, which is currently play-

Filmed in Mozambique and South Africa, Blood Diomond is pure Hollywood. It is a roller coaster ride replete with gunplay, pyrotechnics, and multi-layered subplots: such as the unlikely relation-ship between omon, a budding romance between Maddy and Danny,

Vandy (Djimon THAT ONE WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT: Danny Archer (Leondardo DiCaprio, 1eft) and Danny and Sol-Hounsou) is Solomon Vandy (Olimon Hounsou) barely manage to escape, unscathed, from an exploa local fisher- slon which occurred in the course of the bloody civil war that was taking place in Sierra and Maddy's concerns about Solomon's family.

Seemingly impervious to bullets, our heroes manage to emerge unscathed from scenarios where everyone else is dropping like flies.

iCaprio, Hounsou, and Connelly turn in decent performances, even though they are upstaged by the war's savagery. Ultimately, all the loose ends of the story are tied together, although too sappily for those who know that Sierra Leone was really a hellhole of ethnic cleansing.

Good (xx), hated R for expletives, ethnic stars, and graphic violence. Running time: 138 minutes. Studio: Warner Brothers.

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#### AT THE CINEMA



Apocalypto (R for graphic violence and disturbing images). Mel Gibson directs this adrenaline-charged, mythical melodrama set during the decline of the Mayan civilization. Designated to serve as a sacrifice to the gods atop a great pyramid, Rudy Youngblood stars as a young tribesman, who flees the kingdom to avoid his fate only to return, ultimately, to exact retribution and to find his family.

Bobel (R for sex, expletives, violence, nudity, and drug use). International thriller starts when the wife (Cate Blanchett) of an American tourist (Brad Pitt) is shot in the neck atop a mountain in Morocco. Three-tiered storyline also involves parallel plots unfolding in Mexico and Japan. Cast includes Elle Fanning (Dakota's little sister) and Gael Garcia Bernal.

Blood Diomond (R for profanity and graphic violence). Historical drama, set in Sierra Leone in the Nineties during a civil war, follows the efforts of a fisherman (Djimon Hounsou) and a mercenary (Leonardo DiCaprio) who join forces to recover a priceless diamond and to secret it out of the country with the help of an American journalist (Jennifer Connelly).

**Bobby** (R for profanity, violence, and drug use). The movie reconstructs the events leading up to the June 4, 1968 assassination of Bobby Kennedy from the perspective of 22 witnesses who happened to be at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles that day. Cast includes Sir Anthony Hopkins, Helen Hunt, Laurence Fishburne, Demi Moore, William H. Macy, Ashton Kutcher, Nick Cannon, Lindsay Lohan, Heather Graham, Harry Belafonte, Joy Bryant, Sharon Stone, Elijah Wood, and Emilio Estevez.

**Borot** (R for profanity, crude sexuality, and nudity). Sacha Baron Cohen stars in the title role of this zany comedy as a journalist dispatched to the U.S. from his native Kazakhstan to make a documentary about America. Cast includes Pamela Anderson, Pat Haggerty and Ken Davitian.

Casino Royole (PG-13 for sexuality, nudity, torture, and violence). Daniel Craig is introduced as the new James Bond for the 21st installment of the 007 franchise. This remake, originally released in 1967 as a spoof starring Woody Allen, is based on the debut novel in lan Fleming's famed series. Bond is on a mission to Madagascar to track down a terrorist (Sebastien Foucan) planning to fund a diabolical plot with casino prize money. Cast includes Dame Judi Dench, Jeffrey Wright, Giancarlo Giannini, Caterina Murino, and Eva Green.

Deck the Holls (PG for off-color language, and crude humor). Comedy features Matthew Broderick and Danny DeVito as next-door neighbors competing to outdo each other's outdoor Christmas light display. Cast includes Kristin Davis and Kristin Chenoweth as their spouses, respectively.

 $D\acute{e}j\acute{o}~Vu$  (PG-13 for sensuality, disturbing images, and sequences of terror). Denzel Washington stars in this sci-fi adventure as an ATF Agent who travels back in time to prevent the detonation of a weapon of mass destruction on a New Orleans ferry boat only to end up falling in love with one of the people (Paula Patton) about to be murdered in the process. Cast includes Jim Caviezel, Val Kilmer, and Elle Fanning.

**DOA: Deod or Alive** (PG-13 for nudity, sexuality, and pervasive martial arts action). Adaptation of the best-selling video game unfolds as a high-stakes, martial arts test of survival in which four, voluptuous vixens (Devon Aoki, Sarah Carter, Natassia Malthe and Jamie Pressley) square-off in a fighting tournament staged on an exotic island.

Fast Food Nation (R for profanity, drug use, disturbing images, and graphic sexuality). The junk food industry is satirized by director Richard Linklater in this fictionalized version of Eric Schlosser's best-selling expose of the same. Cast features Greg Kinnear, Bruce Willis, Ethan Hawke, Kris Kristofferson, Patricia Arquette, Luiz Guzman, Wilmer Valderrama, and Bobby Cannavale.

Flushed Awoy (PG for crude humor and mild epithets). Claymation animated adventure about a pampered pet mouse (Hugh Jackman) living high on the hog in a posh, penthouse apartment who gets an instant lesson in how the other half lives when he's accidentally flushed down the toilet and ends up in the streets of London. With character voiceovers by Kate Winslet, Jean Reno, Bill Nighy, Ian McKellen and Andy Serkis.

For Your Consideration (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Parody, set in the forties, examines the fallout visited upon the cast and crew of an independent film influenced by pre-release Oscar buzz to make some last-minute changes to the script. Top-flight cast features Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara, Harry Shearer, Ed Begley, Jr., Christopher Guest, Parker Posey, Sandrah Oh, Bob Balaban, Fred Willard, Larry Miller, Ricky Gervais, and Claire Forlani.

The Fountoin (PG-13 for sensuality, profanity, and intense violence). Immortality explored as theme of this millennium-spanning, sci-fi fantasy which starts in 16th Century Spain and revolves around a Conquistador (Hugh Jackman) in search of the Fountain of Youth in order to save the love (Rachel Weisz) of his numerous lives.

Hoppy Feet (PG for peril and crude humor). Animated, Antarctic adventure about a tone deaf penguin (Elijah Wood) who finds himself a mate (Brittany Murphy) through tap dancing, instead of through singing like the rest of his species. With voicework by Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman, Hugo Weaving, Nicole Kidman, and Steve Irwin.

The Holiday (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Christmas comedy about a California girl (Cameron Diaz) and a British bird (Kate Winslet) both in need of a break from a bad relationship who meet online and decide to swap lives for two weeks only to find true love with guys (Jude Law and Jack Black, respectively) they meet in their new locales. With Edward Burns, Rufus Sewell and Eli Wallach.

The Notivity Story (PG for violence). Biblical drama chronicles the trials and tribulations endured by the Virgin Mary (Keisha Castle-Hughes) and Joseph (Oscar Isaac) during their 100-mile trek from Nazareth to Bethlehem before the birth of the Christ child in a

The Queen (PG-13 for brief profanity). Helen Mirren handles the title role in this biopic about the crisis which confronted the British royal family when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and company were not inclined to mourn publicly in the wake of the death of Princess Diana. With Michael Sheen as Tony Blair, James Cromwell as Prince Philip, Sylvia Syms as the Queen Mum.

The Sonto Clouse 3: The Escape Clouse (G) Tim Allen reprises his role as Scott Calvin, aka Saint Nick, now a newlywed with a pregnant wife (Elizabeth Mitchell). This adventure has Santa matching wits with his nemesis Jack Frost (Martin Short) who is trying to appropriate the Christmas holiday.

Stranger Thon Fiction (PG-13 for sex, expletives, nudity and disturbing images). Will Ferrell stars in this surrealistic fantasy as an IRS agent who hears the voice of a novelist (Emma Thompson) in his head only to realize that she's not only controlling what happens in his life but also has plans to kill off his character. Cast includes Dustin Hoffman, Queen Latifah, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Kristin Chenoweth.

Unoccomponied Minors (PG for crude humor and coarse language). Holiday comedy about the misadventures of a motley crew of kids stranded by a snowstorm in a Chicago airport where they spend Christmas Eve without adult supervision except for the uptight passenger relations manager (Lewis Black) and his assistant (Wilmer Valderrama) who they promptly proceed to drive crazy.

Von Wilder 2: The Rise of Toj (R for nudity, profanity, and sexual content). This comedy features an expansion of co-star Kal Penn's supporting role as an enterprising East Indian college student now headed to Oxford to help the uptight Britons get the

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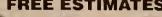
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## PU Men's Hoops Overcomes Bumps in Road, Ready to Shine in Home Debut Against Lehigh

By early December last season, the Princeton University men's basketball team was at 2.5, floundering on the way to a 3-12 start.

Princeton head coach Joe Scott was juggling his lineup, running players in and out of games as he tried to find the right

The Tiger players, meanwhile, struggled to find a rhythm as their playing time went up and down.

Sparked by the insertion of Justin Conway into the lineup in January and the marvelous play of heady senior Scott Greenman down the stretch, the Tigers caught fire as they won nine of their last 12 games.

Although Greenman has graduated, Princeton has picked up where it left off last season, starting 2006-07 with a solid 5-2 mark.

Princeton won its fifth game of the season last Saturday as it edged Northwestern State 53-51 in a consolation game at the Blue and Gold Classic in Milwaukee, Wis.

Senior star Luke Owings led the way, scoring 19 points while freshman Zach Finley, starting in place of an injured Conway, chipped in eight points and eight re-

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of Princeton's good start is the fact that the Tigers have not played a game yet at home.

Princeton finally gets to show its stuff to its home fans at Jadwin Gym this Wednesday as the Tigers host Lehigh (4-6).

Last week in a 44-42 win at Lafayette, Princeton gave a glimpse of the gritty play it has exhibited in the early going this sea-

Trailing 22-19 at the intermission, the Tigers started the second half with a 12-0 run to grab an eight-point lead at 31-23. The Tigers then kept their nerve as they held off a late surge by the Leopards.

Scott, for his part, thought the performance exemplified the progress the Tigers have made this season.

"I thought it took us a little time to come on; we're still in the growing stage of learning that, you know what, we could be a pretty good basketball team," said Scott.

Princeton was particularly impressive in the early part of the second half as it went on a 20-8 run to build a 39-30 ad-

"We came out in the second half and executed extremely well," asserted Scott, whose team shot 58.3 percent from the field in the second half and committed only six turnovers.

"We played our way of basketball and we did it really well. I thought we were terrific in the first 15 minutes of the second half. Our defense was good, our offense was good; we scored. I'd like us to play the whole way like we did in the first 15 minutes of the second half; I think we are capable of doing that."

Princeton's surge was not the product of any halftime broadside from the fiery

Scott. "I didn't really talk that much at half," recalled Scott, now in his third season as the head coach at his alma mater, "I sat outside. The guys are starting to learn and are talking to each other. They know what they have to do.'

Junior star Kyle Koncz, who had 12 points, said that the Tiger players look it upon themselves to iron out the glitches in their game.

"We got into the locker room at halftime and we talked about how they were scoring points because of our mistakes," said Koncz. "We weren't talking well enough on the court; we weren't communicating. We knew we had to come out in the second half and pick up our defense and run our stuff. I think we did a

Scott praised the



ROAD WARRIOR: Princeton University junior torward Kyle Koncz battles through two Latayette detenders in Princeton's 44-42 win over the Leopards last week in Easton, Pa. The Tigers Improved to 5-2 with a 53-51 win over Northwestern State last Saturday in a consolation game at the Blue and Gold Classic in Milwaukee, Wis. Koncz has been a pivotal player for Princeton, leading the team in scoring with a 12.4 average, reaching double figures six times. The Tigers, who have not yet played a game in New Jersey this season, make their home debut on December 6 when they host Lehigh. (Photo by Bill AllervNJ SportAction)

he has been getting from Koncz, who is leading the Tigers in scoring with a 12.4 average and has been in double figures in six of Princeton's seven games.

"That's the difference," said Scott, referring to Koncz's consistency. "It's a point of emphasis for all of our returners to play well every night. Juniors and seniors are supposed to play well every night; that doesn't mean that you have to make every shot you take. The way I look at it a junior or a senior might go out and shoot 2-for-6 but they defend, they rebound, they take care of the ball; they play well every night. That's what Kyle has been doing.

Scott has also been getting good play just about every night from precocious freshman point guard Marcus Schroeder, who is averaging 5.6 points a game and leading the Tigers with 23 assists while playing nearly every minute of every game.

"He's tough as nails; he's a basketball player," said Scott, who has also been starting freshman Lincoln Gunn, Schroeder's high school teammate at De La Salle in the San Francisco area. "He doesn't lurn it over, he rebounds the ball, he gets steals; he causes havoc for the other team.'

Lafavette head coach Fran O'Hanlon certainly noticed the difference in the Tigers this season. "They are much better this year," said O'Hanlon, who is in his 12th season coaching the Leopards.

"The two young kids Schroeder and Gunn ran this system for the last four years so they don't play like freshmen. When you have guys like a Noah Savage or a Michael Strittmatter coming off the bench; that's a very formidable team."

in Scott's view, his team's early road swing should make it more formidable as the season unfolds. "We have been playing in different environments," said Scott, whose team hosts local rival Rutgers on December 9.

"We have had seven cracks off the bat to play on the road and at neutral sites and that's extremely important. Now we have to go to another mentality; a home mentality where you gotta be great at home. That's going to be a learning experience for us too and I think we are going to be prepared for that.'

Koncz, for his part, believes the team is prepared to keep benefitting from the learning process.

"We always talk about what we did wrong each gaine and we try to correct it," said

"I think the guys are coming along, I think we showed it in the last two games. In the first half we didn't do our stuff well and in the second half we did. We have to keep working on that stuff and keep improving."

-Bill Alden



STRONG POINT: Princeton University freshman point guard Marcus good job of improving Schroeder bulls through the lane last week in Princeton's 44-42 win what we messed up on at Lafayette. As a starter from day one and playing nearly every min- in the first half." ute, Schroeder has given the Tigers a lift, averaging 5.6 points a game and leading the squad with 23 assists. (Photo by Bill Allenniu SportAction) consistently good job



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ON THE LOOSE: Princeton University star forward Meg Cowher chases down a loose balf in action late last season. Cowher poured in 18 points last Saturday but it was not enough as Princeton tell 66-55 to Cincinnati in a consolation game of a tournament hosted by Northwestern. Cowher has scored in double figures in 13 straight games stretching back to fast season. The Tigers, who fell to 2-5 with the loss to Cincinnati, will look to get on the winning track when they host NJIT on December 6 and then play at Rutgers on Oecember 9. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



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# Junior Forward Prichard Putting Up Good Fight As PU Women's Hoops Aims to Get on Track

Ali Prichard had a quiet you can improve on." first half for the Princeton University women's basketball team last Wednesday as it hosted St. Joseph's.

The 5:11 junior forward had no points and one rebound in nine minutes of action off the bench as the Tigers trailed the Hawks 40-31 by intermission.

Over the next 20 minutes, Prichard was much more of a factor, scoring eight points and snagging four rebounds. While Prichard's production helped Princeton pull within 63-59, the Tigers couldn't get closer as they ultimately fell 81-69 to the Hawks.

Prichard was determined to give the Tigers help as they hit the court for the second half. "At halftime, I sort of knew that we needed an offensive punch," recalled Prichard, who hit on 3-of-4 shots, including two threepointers.

'I know that I'm capable of it. I've been disappointed with myself about not taking advantage of opportunities. I knew my team needed me to step up and make some

Prichard was inserted into the starting lineup as Princeton played at Northwestern last Friday, scoring eight points as the Tigers fell 67-53 in the opening round of a tournament hosted by the Wildcats. A day later, Princeton dropped a 66-55 decision to Cincinnati in the consolation round to fall to 2-5 on the season. The Tigers made 21 turnovers as they dropped their third

Princeton's failure to execute in the early stages of the season has been disappointing for Prichard and her teammates. "f think the biggest frustration is that we're capable; we're all smart people and we need to do it," said Prichard.

'We can do it in practice and we need to do it in games. A lot of the things we were working on in practice didn't work out for us in the game and that's the frustration."

In addition to executing better, the Tigers need to develop a tougher mentality. "We talked all week about not being soft," said Prichard. "Whether that be on defense or on rebounding or whether that be going to the basket; we think there is so much more that we can control."

While the Tigers don't get into Ivy League play until a January 6 game at Penn, Prichard thinks the work the team puts into the next month could make a big difference over the long haul.

"The focus is on the lvy League but as coach Mapp [assistant coach Charisse Mapp] says we have a month of basketball to play and that month is such an opportunity to get better," asserted Prichard, who will look to help the Tigers get back on the winning track as they host NJIT on December 6 before playing at Rutgers on December 9.

"It means playing every play as hard as you can. We have to try and learn things. We want to go into every game thinking it is the biggest game of the year. That's a mentality; it's something

Prichard, for her part, reer. intends to bring a positive Minn. who was a four-time that." All-Conference selection

during her high school ca-

"I think that energy and mentality to the court every enthusiasm is something I night, whether as a starter try to bring into every game or a reserve. "I love basket- whether that be from a startball; that's something I have ing position or from the always had," said Prichard, bench. f love it and f want a native of Apple Valley, my teammates to feed off of

-Bill Alden



CONTRIBUTING FACTOR: Princeton University senior guard Shelly Slemp dribbles up the court in a game fast season. Slemp has been a key contributor in recent games for the Tigers, scoring a career-high seven points in Princeton's 81-69 foss to St. Joseph's on November 29 and then matching her career high ot six assists in the Tigers' 67-53 foss to Northwestern last Friday. Sfemp's start against Northwestern was her first since March 5, 2005.



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## **PU Sports Roundup**

#### Tiger Men's Swimming 3rd in Big Al Invitational

The Princeton University men's swimming took third place at the Big Al Invita-tional meet held last weekend at DeNunzio Pool on the 10. Princeton campus.

The Tigers got some stellar efforts from Robert Griest, who took second-place in the 1,650 freestyle, with teammate David Ashley tak-Hasbani placed sixth in the zling start, posting four wins

Virginia took the team tille at the meet.

The Tigers will next be in action when they have a meet at Navy on December

#### PU Women's Swimming 4th in Big Al Meet

Princeton University freshman sensation Alicia ing third in the race. Meir Aemisegger kept up her siz-200 butterfly just ahead of last weekend at the Big Al teammate Ryan Rimmerle in Invitational meet held at De-



JAM SESSION: Princeton University men's hockey sophomore star Brett Wilson, left, tries to jam the puck past the goalie in recent action. Last Friday, Wilson chipped in a goal as Princeton won 4-2 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. A day later, the Tigers fell 3-2 to UAH in the second game of their two game set with the Chargers. The Tigers have gone 2-1-1 in their last four games after starting the season 1-6-1. In upcoming action, Princeton hosts Union on December 8 and at Williams last Sunday. Rensselaer on December 9.

seventh. The University of

misegger set a Princeton record and NCAA qualifying time of 4:45.04 in the 500 free. She swept both the 200 individual medley (1:59.59) and the 400 IM (4:09.27), setting Princeton records and quality. ing for the NCAAs in both. She concluded the weekend with an NCAA B-cut time of 2:15.96 in winning the 200 breaststroke.

Nunzio Pool on the Prince-

In her first victory, Ae-

ton campus.

The Tigers finished fourth in the team standings which saw University of Virginia place first.

#### PU Women's Hockey **Drops 2 at Mercuhurst**

A huge effort from freshman goaltender Brittany Parisi was not enough as the Princeton University women's hockey team fell 1-0 in overtime at top-ranked Mercyhurst,

Parisi recorded 47 saves but couldn't stop Mercyhurst's last shot as the Tigers fell to 8-4-2 on the season. On Friday, ninth-ranked Princeton dropped a 6-1 decision to Mercyhurst with freshman Melanie Wallace notching the Tigers' lone goal.

The Tigers have a twogame set at Wayne State next weekend on December 8 and 9,

#### Tiger Men's Squash **Cruises Past Williams**

Led by top player Mauricio Sanchez, the Princeton University men's squash team cruised to an 8-1 win

No. 1 player Sanchez

posted a 9.0, 9.2, 9.0 win Tiger Men's Lacrosse over Williams' John Barry. The victory lifted Princelon to a 4-0 record in dual

The Tiger men will next be in action when they compete in the 5-man championships next weekend in New Haven,

#### PU Women's Squash **Blanks Williams 9-0**

Princeton freshman star Neha Kumar overcame a slow start to help the Princeton University women's squash team to a 9.0 win at Williams last Sanday,

Kumar, the Tigers' No. 1 player, fell in game one against Toby Eyre but rebounded to post a hard-earned 4.9, 9-2, 9.4, 3.9, 9-6 triumph. Princeton native Carly Grabowski won at No. 6, maintaining her perfect career record in dual

The Tigers are 4.0 on the season and won't be in action again until they host Trinity on January 29, 2007.

#### **Princeton Wrestling** Falls Twice at Bucknell

The Princeton University wrestling team dropped a pair of matches last Saturday at Bucknell,

In its opener, the Tigers fell 36.6 to Binghamton with Alex Enriquez (165 pounds) and Kristopher Berr (285) posting the Tigers' two wins. Princeton lost 46.0 to host Bucknell in its second outing of the day.

Princeton makes Its home debut on December 10 when it hosts Maryland.

# 4th in Preseason Poll

The Princeton University men's lacrosse team was picked as the No. 4 team in the Inside Lacrosse Face-Off Yearbook preseason poll.

Virginia, the defending NCAA champion and a perfect 17-0 a year ago, was ranked first in the poll, followed by No. 2 Johns Hopkins, and No. 3 Syracuse. Those three teams, along with Princeton, comprise the field for the Inside Lacrosse Face-Off Classic March 3 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltlmore, the site of the 2007 Final Four.

In addition, junior de- 🛭 fender Dan Cocoziello and junior goalie Alex Hewit were named as preseason ≥ first-team All-Americans by Inside Lacrosse, Princeton also had senior attackman. Peter Trombino and se- 🖫 nior defenseman Zachary Z Jungers named to the second team, senior midfielder Scott Sowanick named to z the third team, and sopho-3more midfielders Mark Kov- & ler and Josh Lesko received & honorable mentions.

Princeton went 11.5 in \$2006, tying Cornell for the league title and advancing to the NCAA quarterfinals.



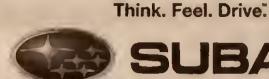
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# PHS Boys' Hockey Falls to Steinert in Opener Doomed by Lack of Depth on Defensive End

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atwo goals in the first five minutes to jump out to a 2-0 Flead over defending Mercer County Tournament chamg pion Steinert.

For that five-minute stretch, PHS looked like it might follow in the footsteps of last year's team which Froared out of the gate with an 11-0-2 record.

But using mainly two lines up front and dealing with a shortage of defensemen, PHS couldn't hold its lead as the teams battled on a slushy rink at Mercer County

Steinert narrowed the gap to 2-1 on a late first period goal and then outscored PHS 3-0 in the second to take control of the contest.

Things came pretty easily The Spartans scored three at the outset for the Princ-more goals before PHS finally got back on the board with a Kyle DeBlois tally to

> PHS head coach Paul Merrow wasn't fooled by his team's hot start. "It was adrenaline at the beginning star John Ryan and sophogoal; then we got another quick one. The adrenaline wore off. With the numbers that we have, we just ran out

in the opener, Merrow said head. his team needs to talk more on the ice. "It's a communication thing," said Merrow. "We have never been a good team at communication with each other. We made some mistakes that cost us; we gave up two short-handed

With star defensemen **Brad Carduner and Justin** Faulkner having been lost to graduation, Merrow knows he will have to do some juggling along the blue line.

"I had Peter Teifer playing defense and I had Geordie Graham back there," said of the season," said Merrow, Merrow, whose top return-who got goals from senior ing defensemen are senior captain Christian McCrackmore Jonathan Yi in addition to DeBlois. "We got a quick "Peter Miller is out sick right"

The Little Tigers will need star senior goalie Shane Leuck to be sharp. Merrow, for one, is confident In assessing his team's loss that Leuck can keep a cool

"I don't think he's under any extra pressure," asserted Merrow of Leuck who had 15 saves in the loss to Steinert. "Some of the goals tonight were not his fault from a team standpoint. From a positional standpoint, he could have been bigger and

Merrow was looking for his whole team to stand up as it deals with its lack of defensive depth. "I told them in the locker room before the game that it's just one game," recalled Merrow, who guided PHS to a 16-8-2 mark and the round of 16 in the state public tournament. "I told them to give it all they had and

We're short-handed and we know that. We held on for

While Merrow was disappointed by the result last Friday, the longtime head coach was able to put things in perspective.

"The team is upperclassmen: the majority of it," said Merrow, whose team gets a rematch with Steinert when it plays the Spartans on December 11 at Hamilton's Ice Land rink.

"I think we can bounce back and clean things up. What we told them to do and what they did were two different things. We tried to be fancy out there; you just couldn't be fancy out there. We told them to dump it in the corner and get it out to the point."

-Bill Alden



UNDER PRESSURE: Princeton High star goalie Shane Leuck fends off a shot in action last winter. Last Friday, Leuck made 15 saves but it wasn't enough as PHS tell 7-3 to Steinert in the season opener tor both teams. The Little Tigers will get a chance to avenge the loss when they play the Spartans on Oecember 11 at Hamilton's Ice Land rink.

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#### SHOULD I GIVE MY MARRIAGE ANOTHER TRY? Reconciliation Agreements And Your Marriage

an agonizing experience. Maybe you've been considering the possibility for years, or maybe an isolated incident triggered your thoughts. Do you want to give your marriage another try but are afraid you may he disappointed yet again? Are you worried that your spouse may leave you with no money and no place to live? Plan ahead. A reconciliation agreement may help save time and money in the future.

#### What is a reconciliation agreement?

A reconciliation agreement is a voluntary marriage contract entered into after the marriage when grounds for divorce exists, but the spouses wish to continue the marriage in reliance on the terms of the agreement. A reconciliation agreement defines each spouse's rights, obligations, and responsibilities in the event of eventual separation or divorce. This type of agreement may he general or specific depending on the individual wants and needs of the parties involved. The agreement may state how property will be divided or how much support one spouse will pay the other. For example, the agreement may state that the marital home will be the sole property of one spouse should the parties separate or divorce. Or the agreement may state that one party will receive a larger portion of all marital assets should the parties separate or divorce. Every couple has different issues that need to be addressed. A reconciliation agreement can be tailored to take into consideration the different circumstances and/or concerns each spouse may

### Why should I consider creating a reconciliation

Maybe your spouse was unfaithful and you are afraid you may he hurt yet again. Maybe your spouse spends too much money and you worry that you may be left with nothing. For some couples, a reconciliation agreement can stop disagreements over financial issues and promote harmony in the marriage. As with premarital agreements, one or both of the parties is usually seeking to protect assets or income in the event of separation or divorce. A reconciliation agreement may give both sponses peace of mind that they will be financially protected while trying to work out marital differences.

#### How do I make my reconciliation agreement enforceable?

In New Jersey, before a reconciliation agreement will be enforced, the Court must determine that the promise to resume the marriage was made when the marital rift was substantial. In other words, if you have grounds for divorce in New Jersey (i.e., extreme cruelty, adultery, 18 months separation, etc.) or, one party has already filed for divorce, the Court will likely determine that

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Deciding whether you should get a divorce is the marital rift was substantial and consideration exists to enforce the agreement. The Court must he sure that neither party was coerced into signing the agreement simply to stay in the marriage. In addition, the Court will recognize a reconciliation agreement as binding so long as the agreement is fair to both parties; the terms of the agreement are conscionable when the agreement was made; the party seeking enforcement of the agreement acted in good faith; and both parties,

fully disclosed their income and assets. Couples must be aware, however, that a reconciliation agreement cannot be made totally enforceable as changed circumstances may render enforcement of such unfair at the time of separation or divorce. For example, if one spouse earns \$50,000 per year when the parties enter into the agreement and that same spouse earns \$250,000 per year when the agreement is sought to be enforced, the Court may decide that enforcing the agreement would be unfair due to the change in circumstances. Even if the Court will not specifically enforce a couple's reconciliation agreement, the agreement may help show the Court what the parties intended to happen in the event of separation or divorce.

#### Do I need an attorney to prepare my reconciliation agreement?

Although couples sometimes prepare a reconciliation agreement without seeking the advice of legal counsel, an attorney can help the couple navigate the specifics of such agreements. Couples should be aware that when parties are married (instead of just contemplating marriage), they may be held to a very high standard of fairmess when dealing with each other on hnancial issues—perhaps a higher standard than would be the case if they were entering into a premarital agreement. Therefore, whether the couple drafts the agreement themselves or with the help of an attorney, it is important that both spouses seek the advice of separate legal counsel so that both parties are aware of their rights and obligations prior to entering into the agreement.

If you are considering a reconciliation agreement, contact a Riker Danzig Family Law attorney for a consultation.

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TOP GEAR: Princeton High senior star Peter Telfer heads up the Ice In a game last season. Telfer's speed and stick skills should help PHS offensively and detensively this winter.



EYES ON THE PRIZE: Hun School junior star Lance Goulbourne looks for an opening in action fast season. Goulbourne figures to be a key weapon this season for Hun as it fooks to Improve on the 17-9 record it posted in 2005-06. Hun, which advanced to the semifinals of both the Prep A and Mid-Atlantic Prep League tournaments fast season, opened its 2006-07 campaign on a high note with an 83-44 win over Life Center last Friday. In upcoming action, the Raiders play at Blair on Oecember 6 before competing in the Peddie's annual invitational tournament from Oecember 8-10.

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# Featuring a Formidable Array of Stars, Hun Boys' Hoops Primed for Title Run

boys' basketball team has the makings of a juggernaut.

The Raiders feature gifted 6'7 senior forward Idris Hilliard, who has already com-I power St. Joseph's after sists and five rebounds. graduation.

Lance Goulbourne, a multi- year and he worked hard talented athlete who led Hun over the summer," said to the Prep A boys' tennis crown this past spring, has the D-l scouts drooling.

That one-two punch of like that." Hilliard and Goulbourne would be enough to make Raiders formidable but for good measure the Hun lineup will also feature senior 7footer Will Martell and 5'11 junior point guard Doug Davis, a Philadelphia native who led Prep Charter to the Pennsylvania Class AA championship last season.

Last Friday, Hun didn't wait long to show that it could be every bit as lormidable on the court as It looks on paper, jumping to 43-12 lead over Life Center Academy by the first half of the season opener for both

Hun cruised to an 83-44 victory as Hilliard and Martell each scored 12 points with Davis adding 13.

In assessing his team's opening night effort, Hun head coach Jon Stone was understandably pleased.

"I was happy with the way we played hard and the way we shared the ball," said Stone, whose team went 17-9 last season, advancing to both the state Prep A and Mid-Atlantic Prep League semifinals. "We have a lot

people can step up on any given night.

On Friday, senior forward Sean Pucciarelli stepped up the most, scoring a gamemitted to play with Division high 17 points with five as-

"He's been doing a great The other lorward, junior job; he developed a lot last Stone, "He's carried that into this season. It was great to see him have a good game

> On most nights, though, Hun will be looking for Hilliard to have great games. In 2005-06, Hilliard averaged 16.8 points a game, earn-

On paper, the Hun School of weapons and different ing All-Prep honors, "Idris did a lot of great things last year, he's going to be even better this year," said Stone, whose team will next be in action when it plays at Blair on December 6 before comneting in Peddie's annual invitational tournament from December 8-10.

"I think he is happy with his college choice; the recruiting process can be draining and he can relax

Goulbourne is getting his focus back after dealing with some injury problems. "He was injured a bit on the preseason," said Stone of Goulbourne who had four points in the season opener. "He's

ous targets will be the 7'0 Martell. "He's getting better \$\frac{1}{2}\$ everyday," said Stone. "He 🖫 has soft hands, nice touch, and can run well for a big man. His best basketball and focus on the season." will come at the end of the

season; it's going to be fun to watch.' Stone will also have fun watching two key members & of his supporting cast, junior guard Matt Florio and junior forward Mike Russo.

nte it."

Matt is so steady; he's such a competitor," added Stone of Florio who was a star midfielder for the Hunboys' soccer team this past

starting to find his rhythn Lance and Idris will draw

Point guard Davis figur to draw plenty of attenti

with his versatility, "He has fit in well with the other

players, the guys really likhim," said Stone. "He can shoot "

get to the rim, he can shoot

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lot of attention."

"He's in the middle of everything just like he is in soccer, Mike plays hard. If he wasn't so good in base-ball, he could be a college basketball player. He's got a good build and he's gotten stronger. He doesn't fill up the stat slicet but he does a lot for us.

While Stone knows his team has a lot going for it, he realizes that its chance of winning titles could come down to Intangibles.

"A lot of it depends on staying healthy," said Stone, noting that the Raiders were hampered last winter by an Injury to star forward Josh

"The guys have to share the ball and develop good chemistry on and off the court. I think this team has that kind of chemistry. It's a long season, you can have talent but you also need the both teams. In 2005-06, Hillard averaged 16.8 points a game, players to get along well."

**—Bill Alden** 







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ON TARGET: Hun School junior forward Emily Gratch fires up a jumper in action last season. Gratch scored 11 points last Saturday as Hun opened its 2006-07 season with a 72-33 wln program. "Most of the girls at Lower Moreland High. In upcoming action, Hun hosts Episcopal Academy on December 7, Penn Charter on December 9, worked on their game and and Lawrenceville School on December 12.

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# Hun Girls' Hoops Shows Commitment; Aims to End Peddie's Prep Title Streak

teammates on the Hun bigger and stronger. School girls' basketball team ended last season by falling to powerful Peddie in the state Prep A championship

The win gave Peddie 10 straight Prep A crowns and marked Hun's second straight loss to the Fascons in the title game.

In the wake of the defeat, Gratch expressed her belief that Hun needed to get just a fittle stronger offensively in order to break Peddie's title string.

This fall, Gratch did everything she could to become a stronger player. Deciding to give up soccer, Gratch spent her autumn participating in pick-up hoops games and an arduous conditioning program.

The commitment shown by junior forward Gratch has Hun head coach Bill Holup optimistic as he looks ahead to the 2006-07 season.

"f definitely think we are ahead of where we have been in any year," said Holup, who is in his eighth season guiding the Hun girls' didn't play a fall sport; they

Emily Gratch and her conditioning. They are all

Holup is expecting a big year from junior forward Gratch. "Emily worked reafly hard this falf; she has brought her game to another level," asserted Holup of his 6'1 star who scored 11 points last Saturday as Hun a lot of looks from Division f schoofs."

Another one of Hun's us. key veterans, senior guard locked up her college futhe Naval Academy; going to a service academy had junior transfer to Hun from two seasons. Montgomery High.

playing.

Hun has seven other players returning from last year's 20-7 team including senior shoot the ball. They are in-

Carol Ann Michel, juniors Morgan Cawley, Melissa Marino, and Bridget Stinson, together with sophomores Cyndra Couch, Cara Fiori, and Mary Chiarello.

'Cyndra Couch and Cara Fiori have stepped up; they worked reafly hard this fafl," added Holup. "Cynopened the season with a dra showed last year that 72-33 win at Lower More-she could be a tremendous land High. "She grew and rebounder, both offensively got stronger. She is getting and defensively. I'm fooking for those two girfs to do some really big things for

The Raiders will be add-Ali Tartacoff, has already ing two transfers, sophomore Megan Rigous from ture. "Ali is committed to Warrington, Pa. and postgraduate Karly Grace from Camp Hill. Hofup is exbeen her goal before she pecting some big things, in came to Hun," said Hofup particular, from Grace, who of his 5'5 guard who was a played for Peddie the last

'Karly played for Peddie 'The Navy coaches saw so she has seen the best her and liked the way she competition in the counplayed. We're going to rely try," said Hosup of Grace, on her to run our offense who scored a team-high and settle us down. We 17 points fast Saturday in need her to recognize what her Hun debut. "It may be defenses the other teams are similar to last year when we had Amanda Sepulveda and Ali. We were able to rely on both to run the offense and

terchangeable."

With so many weapons, Holup knows that his team must concentrate on the basics to get the most out of its talent. "Our trademark in recent years has been unselfish play," asserted Holup, whose club hosts Episcopal Academy on December 7. Penn Charter on December 9, and Lawrenceville on December 12.

"The defense is always there. The girls enjoy playing defense; they know defense is important and can help the offense go. As long as the girls stay focused and unselfish, we should have a good year.

Hun will face a bunch of good tests along the way as Hofup continues to upgrade the team's schedule.

"There is no reason for us to play teams with no talent," said Holup, noting that his club wifl be playing in three holiday tournaments in addition to facing such powers as Ottawa Academy, Archbishop Ryan, and St. Anthony's.

"It's good for the girls to play against higher profile teams; it helps get them exposure for coflege. It also hefps us get ready for Peddie; they are always out there."

-Bill Alden

# Hun Boys' Hockey Relying on Offensive Depth As It Fights Through Early Season Challenges

team this winter.

The Raiders are loaded up front, returning five of last year.

The returners are led by top gun senior A.J. Bfackburn (a team-high 36 points fast season), sophomore Brendan Gallagher (26 points.) Peter Plumeri (18 (16 points), and Mike Williams (15 points). And having lost its top goalie (Ben Wirjosemito) and one of its top defenders (Brendan will need its offense to carry the early stages of the sea-

Hun head coach Francois Bourbeau acknowledges that he will be relying on his offense to carry the foad, at least in the early going. "The defense could be a weak-

Prep semifinals. "We should be good if the offense pertheir six top scorers from forms; we should have three sofid lines. Offense should be my strength.

Blackburn and Gallagher figure to be Hun's biggest scoring threats. "A.J. and Brendan will be good; I'll have them on a fine with points), Stephen Norman postgrad Austin Sylvester," (16 points), and Mike Wil-said Bourbeau. "Sylvester has a great attitude; he is a footbalf star but he can play hockey, he is physical.

With such veterans as Nor-Ryan) to graduation, Hun man, Wilfiams, Joe Deane, and Harry Blackburn afso a heavy load, particularly in at forward, Bourbeau has pfenty of options.

'We have all of these re-

Scoring goals shouldn't ness," said Bourbeau, who turning players," said Bourbe a problem for the Hun guided the Raiders to 10- beau, whose team started School boys' ice hockey 13-1 record last winter and the season with a 5-1 loss an appearance in the state to Pingry last Monday with its fone goal coming from Williams. "They know the

> Bourbeau may be going with a two-goalie system with sophomore returner Travis Potts and freshman Jeffrey Holbrook.

> "Travis is fooking good; he needs more experience, said Bourbeau, a star goalie himseff at Middlebury Colfege during his coflege

"Hofbrook can give Travis some good competition. I'm hoping that both of them wifl work for the No. 1 spot. The closer they are the better combination they will be

Hun's success this winter will be dependant on whether his team can develop a collective closeness on the ice. "It's going to come down to trusting each other," asserted Bourbeau. "You can't just go on talent. The players have to come together and play as a team.

In the wake of the loss to Pingry, Bourbeau wilf belooking for progress as the Raiders host Princeton Day School on December 7. Landon on December 8, and Bishop Eustace on Decem-

"The first week wilf be a good indicator," said Bourbeau. "These are the type of games where the players have to play within the system and play with each other. Those are three good teams; to have a good season we need to beat teams like that.'

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RISING EXPECTATIONS: Princeton Day School star guard Hannah Epstein bolts between two detenders in a game last season. With a core of solid veterans returning, POS is confident it can improve on the 6-17 mark it posted in 2005-06. The Panthers were slated to open their 2006-07 campaign by playing at George School on Oecember 5 betore road games at the Pennington School on Oecember 7 and at Morrisville High on December 9. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

#### Buoyed by Core of Veterans, Work Ethic, PDS Girls' Hoops Excited to Open Season

but Princeton Day School girls' basketball coach Sue forward. Repko viewed it as a harbinger of what's to come this winter.

ring to her team's 33-20 win over Academy of New Church last Friday in a preseason contest. "I'm really optimistic; there's lots of excitement around the team. The girls work hard, they have an excellent attitude."

A major source of optimism for Repko is the play of freshman point guard Raquel Phillips. "Raquel is a true point guard," said Repko, who guided the Panthers to a 6-17 record last season. "She can handle the ball and sees the court well. She brings up everybody's level of play.

Phillips and battle-tested junior Hannah Epstein should form a formidable backcourt pair. "Hannah has played just about every minute of every game her first two years," said Repko, whose team was slated to start this season by playing at George School on December 5 before road games at the Pennington School on December 7 and at Morrisville High on December 9. "She has handled the ball a lot and can help if we get pressured in the backcourt."

Up front, PDS will be re Meg Francfort and Keely dent we can do that." Langdon, "Meg and Keely are the two key inside play-

It was only a scrimmage ers," said Repko, who will be starting junior Erin Burns at

"Keely was hurt a lot last year but she is healthy now; she is looking really good. "We saw some great We are running a motion things," said Repko, refer- offense so we'll be moving We are running a motion people in and out of spots during games."

> PDS will be on the move on the defensive end of the court as well. "We'll be playing more man-to-man; we'll be trying to press more," said Repko. "We have good speed and the kids are in great shape, a lot of them played fail sports.

Repko believes she has the depth to play an up-tempo style. "Emily Waters and Marissa Davila will be our first two players off the bench," added Repko.

The other freshmen, Danielle Dawkins and Rebecca Golden, know the game. We have been able to skip some skill work and get right into concepts, offensively and defensively.

Being ahead of where it has been in past years at this point has given PDS confidence. "The kids are charged up," said Repko. "They think we can win some of the games we lost in the past.'

In Repko's view, the team needs to channel that energy into a sharper focus. "We need to play all four quarters and not play well for just three quarters," said Repko. lying on a pair of seniors, "I'm feeling good; I'm confi-

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DPENING SALVO: Princeton Day School senior defender Katie Briody races up the ice in a game last season. Briody helped PDS get its 2006-07 season off to a good start as she chipped in an assist in the Panthers' 8-D win over visiting Summit last Friday. In upcoming action, POS faces Lansdale Catholic on (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction) December 11 at Hatfield Ice World.

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#### PDS Girls' Hockey Shows Offensive Punch As It Routs Summit 8-0 in Season Opener

School girls' hockey team Alexis Deana-Roga, and will have little margin for promising freshman error this winter.

In the early stages of the second line. the season, PDS head predominantly two lines up front and two pairs of defensemen along the blue line.

While the Panthers semis. "I will rely a lot on on't be able to over- my first line." won't be able to overwhelm their foes with depth. Cook does have a core of talented players that should continue the program's winning tradi-

PDS returns five of its top six scorers from last year in junior Emily Cook (30 points), sophomore Georgia Travers (30 points), junior Noni Ammidon (27 points), junior Katherine Levinton (17 points), and Katie Briody (16 points).

The Panthers' first line will consist of Levinton, Ammidon, and Cook

The Princeton Day with Travers, sophomore Dana Lerner making up

"I will be looking for my coach John Cook will be experienced girls to cargoing with a rotation of ry a big load this year," said Cook, who guided the Panthers to a 11-12-3 mark last season and a spot in the state Prep

Those veterans justified Cook's faith last Friday in the season opener as PDS. topped visiting Summit 8-0 as Cook, Levinton, Travers, and Ammidon scored one goal apiece while Lerner made a superb debut chipping in two goals and an assist.

Cook is looking for his daughter, Emily, and Lerner to spark their lines. "Emily finds the open person and she looks for opportunities around the net," said Cook, a Princeton University hockey star in the 1960s who still holds the program record for career goals with 67.

"Her back was bothering her last year but now she is 100 percent which should help in checking and along the boards. Dana is good, she will help us right away."

On defense, Cook will be relying on Briody and freshman Savannah Hecker. "Katie is my most experienced player; I'm expecting a lot from her," added Cook, who will also be working ju-nior Elisa Cichonski and sophomore Charlotte Lescroat into his defensive mix. "Savannah is fast and is a good puck handler."

The X-factor for PDS could be sophomore goalie Bryanna Mayes, who is in her first year with the program. Mayes made a solid debut last Friday, recording nine saves in earning a shutout.

"Bryanna is very quick, she covers up well and plays the angles well," asserted Cook, whose team was slated to host Hill on December 5 before facing Lansdale Catholic on December 11 at Hatfield Ice World. "I have trouble scoring on her. Whoever taught her to play goalie, did a good job.'

Cook has put a premium on conditioning in preparing the team for the winter ahead. "We're doing sprint workouts; I'm starting to see some good speed," said Cook, explaining that his team customarily does sessions where it skates between all the lines on the ice before finishing with end-to-end dashes. "That work will pay off when we are in the third period of tough games. It's fun to see how quickly they learn.

-Bill Alden



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#### Welcoming Group of Talented Freshmen, Stuart Hoops Going With Youth Movement

Youth will be served this excited." winter on the Stuart Country Day basketball team.

The Tartans' roster includes five freshmen and two of the newcomers, point guard Diamond Lewis and forward Alex Passano, will be in the starting lineup from day one.

While such an infusion of new blood would cause many head coach Tony Bowman relishes the challenge.

This is the best group of freshmen I have had," said Bowman, who is in and downs with freshmen; it's a learning process. I'm she moved right into the

The key freshman figures to be Lewis. "In my four years here, we've never had a true point guard," asserted Bowman, who guided Stuart to a 13.8 mark last winter and appearance in the state Prep B semifinals. "Diamond is a true point guard; basketball is her main sport."

Bowman wasn't expecting a coach trepidation, Stuart Passano, a prep state champion this past fall in cross country, to make such an early impact.

"Alex is a surprise," said Bowman, whose other freshhis fourth year guiding the men include forwards Sarah program. "They don't give Schulte and Kara Weeks and up. There will be some ups guard Chris Volcy. "She has great speed and endurance.;

To help the freshmen adjust, Stuart has a solid core of veterans in place, including seniors Caitlin Spratt, Tai Pannell and Ismini Flouda, junior Kate Baker, and sophomores Caroline Pas-

"It's a good mix," added Bowman. "They are solid players and good leaders."

"We had a talk after last season," recalled Bowman, who will need the sharpshooting Spratt to help fill the void left by the graduation of 1,000-point scorer Kathryn Kitts.

"I told her I'm putting a lot on her shoulders; I think Caitlin can do it. She is taking on a leadership role. She is telling the other girls 'lf anyone needs help learning the plays stay after practice with me.'

Bowman is going out of his way to make sure that everybody is on the same page defensively. "We're putting a lot of time into defense, said Bowman. "We're going to play a lot of man-to-man. We've played more zone in the past.'

In Bowman's view, Stuart's chances of success this winter will be determined by three main factors. "The first thing is to play well whose team was slated to start its season by playing at Friends Central on December 5 and Rutgers Prep on December 9. "Then it will come down to how Diamond matures and whether Caitlin can carry the scoring load with Kitts gone."

has the kind of attitude that will help it get through the bumps in the road it will experience.

'The kids have a good work ethic," said Bowman. "They have been training hard and working on their own in the weightroom. If the seniors continue to work hard, the freshmen have to

-Bill Alden

# sano and Christina Sheils.

Bowman is expecting a lot of leadership from Spratt, the team's most experienced player and its leading returning scorer.

Bowman believes the team

work hard."

# Lawrenceville

Boys' Basketbatt: Porter Braswell led the way as Lawrenceville cruised past Gilman 82-55 last Sunday. The Yale-bound Braswell scored 15 points with Brian Kelly adding 20. The Big Red improved to 2.0 with the win and will host Central Prep on December 6 before competing in Peddie's annual invitational tournament from December 8-10.

Boys' Ice Hockey: Chris Zaires scored the lone goal for Lawrenceville as the Big Red fell 4-1 to undefeated South Kent last Sunday. Lawrenceville was outshot 57-47 as it dropped to 0-2 on the season. In upcoming action, the Big Red play at Hill on December 6 and then compete in the Albany Academy Tournament on December 9-10.



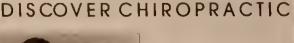
NEW CHAPTER: Princeton Day School hockey star Derek Mayer files up the ice in action last season. Mayer chipped in an assist last Friday as PDS opened its 2006-07 season with a 10-0.00 win over Rye Country Day. Mike Farrar scored two goals and S had two assists with Brett DePace adding a goal and an assist as PDS made new head coach Scott Bertoll's debut a night to remember. In upcoming action, PDS plays Hun at Hamilton's ice Land on December 7 betore hosting Landon on December 9 and Malvern Prep on December 12. (Ethoto by Bill Allew NJ SportAction)

has taken three straight sectional crowns. Both squads are coached by Greg Hand.

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#### **PHS**

Swimming: The PHS swimming teams start the 2006-07 season with a home meet against Steinert on December 7. The Little Tiger boys' team is coming off an 12-3 season which saw them adon defense," said Bowman, vance to the state Public B semifinals. The PHS boys have won slx straight Central Jersey sectional titles. The PHS girls went 11-3 last season, also advancing to the Public B state semis. The Little Tiger girls' program





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ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY: Stuart Country Day senior guard

Caitlin Spratt looks for an opening in a game last season. With

Stuart welcoming five freshmen to its program, Tartans head

coach Tony Bowman will be depending on Spratt to be a con-

sistent scorer and leader. Stuart was slated to start its season

by playing at Friends Central on December 5 and Rutgers Prep

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# Local **Sports**

Dillon Youth Basketball
December 2 Results
In action last Saturday

In action last Saturday in the 4th/5th grade boys' division of the Dillon Youth Basketball league, Alex Deutsch scored 12 points Sand Brandon Yao added six as the Lakers topped the Rockets 27-12. In other games in the division, Mike Clancy scored seven points Sto lead the Sonics to a 15-14 win over the Trailblazers. The Suns topped the Kings The Suns topped the Kings 824-17 as Jack Dyevich and Kevin Quinn scored seven points apiece. Paul Murray Shad a strong game in a los-Ping cause, scoring 11 points for the Kings. Jake Kasel scored six points to lead the Spurs to a 16-10 win over the Jazz. Louis Capon and

points apiece in the win, while Christian Kimball had four points in the loss. The Clippers topped the Mavericks 20-14 as Chris Glazer led the way with eight points. Matthew Riley had six points in the loss.

The boys' 6th/7th grade division saw Georgetown edge Connecticut 30-28 as Lior Levy scored 10 points and Clay Alter added eight. In other games in the division, Kevin White scored 10 points and Dallas Mosner added seven as Rutgers topped Syracuse, 32-26. Ian Finnen had seven points and Daniel Shaughnessy added six in the loss. Ryan Meier scored seven points as Notre Dame topped Seton Hall 27-11. Ethan Dunbar, Justice Healy and Jeffrey Blatt added six points apiece in the win. Scott Bechler had five points for Seton Hall.

points and Marshall Borden points in the loss. added six as West Virginia topped Pittsburgh 23-20. Clay Centis had eight points in the loss. Elliot Golden scored 10 points and Owe Karsen added nine as St. John's topped Villanova 23-10 points in the loss.

In the boys' 8th/9th grade division, Jordan Metro scored 10 points and Max Reid added seven as lano's Rosticceria topped Woodwind 31-14. Aaron Wishnick had seven points in the loss. In other games in the division, Bobby Doll scored 14 points and Thatcher Foster added 10 as Princeton Amoco topped Princeton Pettoranello Foundation 45-13. Skye Ettin poured in 28 points as Princeton Orthopedics topped Caliper Farms 54-23. James Peretzman had 10 points in the win while John Curtis had six points in the loss.

In games in the 4th/5th grade girls' division, Stephanie Hauer scored eight points and Alison Hubert added six as McCaffrey's topped Princeton Shopping Center 22-12. Sarah Eisenach led PSC with four points. Larini's Sunoco topped Princeton Dental Group 14-12 as Catherine Curran-Groom led the way with six points. Zoe Resnick added four points in the win while Princeton Dental Group got four points apiece from Gabriella Bloom, Sophia Trenholm, and Jessica Campisi.

The 6th-9th grade girls' division saw Gaia Tuck-Adams and Louise Eisenach score four points apiece as American Sewing & Vac-uum nipped Mack-Cali 17-15. Katelyn Bechler had 10 points and Zoe Zabor added and Alanna Ryan scored six points apiece as Franklin & Alison Orchestra topped two points apiece. G.R. Murray Insurance 24-

Thomas Moore added four Matt Hoffman scored eight 8. Helen Eisenach had six

#### Princeton Travel Basketball Recent Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's Under-13 boys' travel basketball 20. Rahul Chaturvedi had team defeated East Brunswick 42-35 last weekend in the opening game of the North Brunswick Basketball League. Garrett Keyes scored 13 points and Eric Shorter added 12 to pace Princeton. Matt Hoffman added six points and lan Finnen chipped in five. On Sunday, the Princeton U-13's dropped a 33-18 decision to Lawrence in the Central Jersey League. Hoffman led the team with six points while Tyler Nkadi chipped in five in the loss.

> Princeton's U-12 boys travel team was beaten 41-19 by South Brunswick in Central Jersey League play. Rohit Chawla led Princeton with five points.

Princeton's U-11 boys squad routed West Windsor 35-7 in Central Jersey League action. Alex Deutsch paced Princeton with 10 points. Rob Mooney added eight points in the win with Colin Frawley and Harrison Dunne-Polite providing strong inside play. Princeton is 1-0 on the season.

The Princeton U-14 girls' team dropped its season opener, falling 39-37 to Hillsborough in Flemington League action. Molly Barber scored a team-high 13 points from Princeton with Janie Smukler adding 12. Brooke Bevans scored eight for Princeton while Jess Frieder had five blocked shots.

The Princeton U-11 girls' squad fell in its season opener as it lost 18-8 to Hopewell. Leah Moran five in the loss. Callie Jahn paced Princeton with four points with Annie Skoczylas and Alison Hubert scoring

#### **Princeton Special Sports** Holding Hoops Sign-Up

Princeton Special Sports (PSS), a program which provides youth sports programs to special needs children ages 4 through high school, is now registering players for its winter basketball

PSS basketball plays on Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. from January 7 through March 18 at Princeton locations to be announced once registration is finalized. The season fee is \$50. PSS also offers full and partial scholarships.

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#### **PU Sports Symposium** Set for December 8

Princeton University will be hosting a student-initiated Sports Symposium on December 8 at Robertson Hall on campus starting at

The event is intended to help students learn more about career options in the sports industry. Featured speakers will include many distinguished members of the sports industry, many of whom are Princeton alumni.

Those scheduled to appear include Tiger football legend Dick Kazmaier '52, Boston Celtics executive Wyc Grousbeck '83, Gazelle Group President Richard Giles '83, NBA Entertainment official Steve Helmuth '75, and Major League Lacrosse Commissioner David

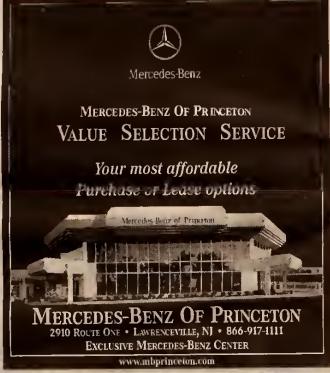
The public is invited to attend and there is no admission charge, For more information, contact Chris Chaney at cchaney@Princeton.EDU.

#### Patriots Travel Baseball Seeking Players

The Princeton Patriots baseball travel team is seeking additional players for its spring 2007 program.

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GETTING AN EDGE: Princeton High field hockey players Dee Dee

Mahon, lett, and May Ying Medalla are all smiles as they take

a break at the recently-held National Field Hockey Festival in

Indio, Calif. Mahon, a PHS senior, and Medalia, a junior, were at the competition playing for the Edge Under-19 club team

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### **Obituaries**



#### Margaret Junker

Dr. Margaret Esther Miller Junker, 84, of Kennett Square, Pa., formerly of Princeton, died November 29 at home, of cancer.

Born in New York City, she earned degrees at Vassar College in 1943 and the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University in 1947.

A physician, her career was in the field of college health, where she confronted many new medical and social issues in the 1960s and '70s. Sexuality, drugs, and the emergence of women's issues commanded much of her professional attention.

At Southampton College of Long Island University, which she joined at its inception in 1963, she served as College Physician and Director of Student Health Service until 1973. During this period she was involved in the region's first drug abuse councils and educational organizations, often serving as

She joined Princeton University in 1973, and became best known for her pioneering role as the University's first female physician after it became a coeducational institution. At Princeton she was the guiding force of the SECH Program, the University's sexuality education and counseling program, and was an advocate for the newly admitted female population of students. She was also instrumental in establishing the first occupational health and safety program at the institution, as well as the first educational physical assessment program for



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Her professional dedication extended to community affairs. She served on the Princeton Borough Board of Health, the Princeton Regional Health Commission, and the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority, which honored her in 1989 for her outstanding environmental work

She is survived by a daughter, Ellen of Jericho, Vt., and two sons, Peter of Easton, Pa. and Valentine of Princ-

A memorial service will be held at Crosslands in Kennett Square, at 2 p.m. on December 16.

Arrangements are by the Kuzo and Grieco Funeral Home, Kennett Square. Online condolences may be made by visiting www .griecofuneralhomes.com.

#### Nancy D. C. Knox

Nancy Dunbar Corbusier Knox, 92, of Santa Fe, N.Mex., died November 28 in Santa Fe. She was the daughter of Dr. Harold eton. and Mrs. Louise Corbusier of Santa Fe and Plainfield, N.J., and the wife of the late Gordon Knox.

Born in Plainfield, she attended The Hartridge School in Plainfield and Smith College. In 1934, while studying archeology and Native American ethnology in Santa Fe, she met her future hus-Plainfield, they lived in Princeton for 40 years, where Mr. Knox was the founder and president of the Princeton treasurer. Film Center, before returning to Santa Fe permanently

Mrs. Knox was an historian, historical researcher, newspaper reporter, prolific author of non-fiction and fiction, and writer of documentary movie screenplays. In 1941 she and her husband made a film in New Mexico for the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs which was nominated for an Academy Award. She studied acting in New York and England and appeared in numerous amateur productions.

the southwest stemmed from her grandfather, William Henry Corbusier, a Colonel and U.S. Army Medical Officer who was stationed in numerous posts in the region after the Civil War. Most recently she was the moving force behind the publishing of her paternal grandfather's and grandmother's memoirs by the University of Oklahoma Press.

She was involved in numerous Princeton area community activities, including the Princeton Historical Society, Watershed Association, Planned Parenthood, American Red Cross, Princeton Community Players, Princeton Open Space Commission, Princeton Historic Sites Commission, The Service League, Herrontown Woods Commission, and preservation of the Delaware and Raritan Canal. In Santa Fe she volunteered at the American School of Re-

She was predeceased by her sisters, Barbara Corbusier Stevenson Pflueger and Frances Corbusier O'Brien. She is survived by a daughter, Cynthia Knox Watts of Santa Fe; three sons, Harold of Santa Fe, Thomas of

Tucson, Ariz., and Gordon of Shelburne, Vt.; nine grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren.

Burial will be in Plainfield at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made either to the Salvation Army, 525 West Alameda, Santa Fe, N. Mex. 87501; or to The Nature Conservancy, 4245 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, Va.

#### Joseph A. Esposito

Joseph A. Esposito, 97, of Longmeadow, Mass., formerly of Princeton, died December 3 at Heritage Hall in Agawam, Mass.

Born in Beacon, N.Y. and raised in Brooklyn, he was Princeton resident from 1932 to 1961, and lived in Lawrenceville from 1961 to 2000, when he moved with his wife to Glenmeadow, an assisted living community in Longmeadow.

He was co-proprietor, along with his brother Vincent Jim, of Esposito Brothers Service Station in Princ-

Married at St. Paul's Church in Princeton in 1934, he recently celebrated his 72nd wedding anniversary with his wife Angeline. He had been an active member of the church and was instrumental in raising funds for the present edifice.

After moving to Lawrenceville in 1961, he became an band. Married in 1936 in active member of both the Church of St. Ann and the Lawrence Senior Citizens Club, which he served as

> He is survived by his wife, Angeline Ranieri Esposito; four sons, Robert of Jacksonville, Fla., Joseph of Baltimore, Thomas of Balti-more, and David of Rochester, N.Y.; four daughters, Patricia Sohn of Suffern, N.Y., Marilyn DiNicola of California, Catherine Dress of East Longmeadow, Mass., and Diane Jacobs of Wellesley, Mass.; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. this Saturday, December 9 at St. Paul's Church, 214 Her long association with Nassau Street. Interment will follow in St. Paul's Cem-

> Friends are invited to call on Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Kimble Funeral Home, 1 Hamilton

#### Gene Szymanski

Gene Szymanski, 77, of Princeton, died December 1.

Born in Chester, Pa., he had been a longtime resident of Princeton. He graduated from Penn-

sylvania Military College, now Widener University, with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He retired in 1998 after a long career in the engineering, robotics, and computer fields.

He served his country in

ceiving honorable discharges from both.

He shared a great passion for the ocean and beach with his wife Elly, and en-Joyed sunning, sailing, and boating. He was also an advocate of humane treatment for all animals, great and small. Dancing, astronomy, celestial navigation, celestial photography, and computers were an integral part of his life as well.

Predeceased by his parents, Stanley and Sally Szy-

the Army and the Navy, re- manski, he is survived by his 🕏 wife, Eleanore (Elly); a sister, Virginia Siedzikowski; and S an aunt, Vivian Bobrownik.

A Mass of Christian Burion al will be celebrated at 11 ga.m. today, December 6 at 7 St. Paul's Church, 214 Nas- 3 sau Street. Interment will be

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Born in Princeton, she had lived in Princeton until movii St. 2003. moving to Levittown in May

She was a telephone operator for New Jersey Bell Telephone on Nassau Street for two years before joining SPrinceton University as an operator for 12 years, retiring in 1989.

She was a member and past matron of Ashlar Chapter No. 169 O.E.S. of Pennington. She was also a member of Senior Citizens of Princeton.

Daughter of the late John and Stella Marshall, wife of the late Robert F. Wilson, and step-sister of the late Jacob Melovitz, she is survived by three sons, Peter A. Leiggi of Walnut Creek, Calif., John M. Leiggi of Levof Hamilton; a step-sister, Sophie Desautelle of Penns equipment to make the home Neck; six grandchildren; and safer. a great grandson.

The funeral was December 5 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. Burial was in mile radius of Princeton, Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 529, Princeton 08540; or to the Sunshine Foundation, 19 for services. Lexington Avenue, Trenton 08618.

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The Jewish Center Singles will host Jewish Storytelling after Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Center, 435 Nassau Street. The program will



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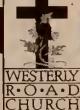
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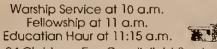
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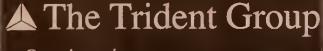
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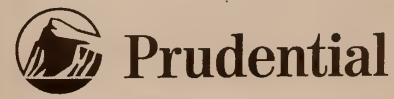


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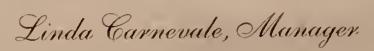


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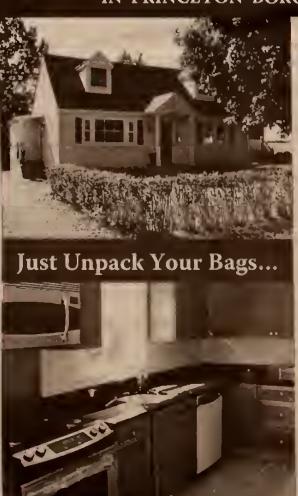


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# The Time-Honored Custom of Hiding Christmas Gifts Can Result in Surprises

ferent. All the Christmas usual. Remembering her gifts were to be purchased, mother's penchant for buywrapped, be-ribboned, and ing early and hiding securely, hidden by December 1.

Good idea, good intentions, good luck!

The fact is, many shoppers establish such a goal and strive to achieve it. Some do; most don't. There are so many variables. And some people don't like to shop early, pointing out the absence of store decorations, the whiff of balsam in the air, and frantic shoppers balancing shopping bags, boxes, and coffee cups. All part of the traditional holiday shopping scene.

Others do their best, find just what they were looking for in August, stash it safely away, only to discover they haven't a clue where it is in December.

Says one friend, who falls into such a trap: "One year, I got a lovely pair of earrings for my sister in July, and I carefully hid them in the glass pasta holder, which was rarely used, to be retrieved before Christmas. (My sister was kind of nosey, but not a cook, so she would never look there). As time passed, as is often the case with early Christmas presents, I forgot about the earrings. Then before Christmas, I really got worried, and ended up getting her a different present altogether. And then, months later, there they were in the spaghetti pot, as we poured in the pasta!

another friend adds: "Mom hid a lot of presents in closets, and that was fine. The closets were so packed that I couldn't find the presents even if I wanted to. But she often hid them in the summer when they were bought, and then couldn't remember where they were. Often, she would tell us (there were three kids) during the present-opening on Christmas morning: 'I have something else for you, and you'll get It once I find it!"

#### Gift Duplication

Indeed, gift duplication can be an on-going holiday occurrence. Here's another

This year was to be dif- Such stories are not un- scenario, a true story which took place a few years ago. "Our daughter was about two, and she very much wanted twin baby dolls for Christmas," reports a Princeton resident, "So, I ordered them, along with the entire nursery unit, even with a stroller. I wasn't home when it was delivered, and unknown to me, my husband hid it in one of the attics of our 200-year-old house. He just forgot to tell me!

"Time passed, and I'm wondering and worrying it's getting nearer and nearer to Christmas. Finally, I go out and buy the same thing, lock, stock, and barrel! I hid my set in a different attic. and so that year, our little

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girl got four baby dolls and two nurseries!"

Hiding gifts can also result in strange surprises by those who come upon the items Inadvertently. For example, one mother I knew hid certain Christmas presents in the back of her very large freezer. She bought gifts throughout the year, and sealed them in waterproof Ziploc bags. Off she went to the hospital to have minor surgery, and her husband decided to surprise her by defrosting the freezer (it was not one of the current selfdefrosting models). He was amazed at what he found!

Basements, garages, linen closets, large garbage bags, freezers (indeed!), and laundry rooms ("Kids will never go in there!" says one confident mom) are all cited as good hiding places, and one smart mother even convinced her children there was a hidden wall in the was a hidden wall in the "Well," remembers her house, behind which were mother, "Christmas mornsafely stashed all the Christmas goodies.

'My own parents actually had such a wall," she under the tree! We needn't reports, "but we didn't, and I had things in all the closets up high. The kids were It out to her, however, she so busy trying to find this foved it." secret wall that they never looked in the more usual places."



BEST BAGS: The full line of the popular Vera Bradley products is offered at the Piccadilly. Co-owner Judy Guldalian is surrounded by "The Vera" tote or book bag (left), "The Satchel" overnight bag (right), and in the background, garment bags. The vast array of Vera Bradley Items now Includes rolling luggage, pet carriers, collars, and leashes, CD and DVD holders, as well as umbrellas, reversible belts, guilted hangers, photo albums, watches, and watch bands. Known for their signature style of quilted designs in bright colors and patterns, Vera Bradley handbags and accessories are a welcome hollday gift. In addition to its selection of updated classic clothes, the Piccadilly offers the always-popular Lanz of Salzburg 100 percent cotton flannel nightgowns. Gorgeous hollday handknit sweaters, washable slik sweaters, including twin sets, are specialties, along with the Leon Levin line of shirts and cardigan sweaters. Jeweiry includes earrings (clips as well as pierced), sterling silver, and semi-precious stones. Pearls are available in gray, taupe, and natural in different millimeters and lengths, and feature magnetic closures.



ents of a four-year-old went to great trouble to get her a special table and two chairs for her very own. Carefully hidden in the garage for a few weeks, it was brought out late Christmas Eve. and placed near the tree.

#### Big Items

ing, she walked right by it, no doubt considering it an impediment to the presents have worried too much about hlding It. After we pointed

Big items, such as bikes, furniture, doll houses, sleds, etc. can be major challenges In another case, the par- to keep out of sight. Here is where a good relationship with the neighbors is a real plus. Remembers a mom of four kids, now grown: "We had a split level rec room, and there was no chance to hide gifts there or in the very small basement. So, when I had a sitter at home, and was out shopping, I went directly to our neighbors — they only had one child, who was away at school. Not only did I store the gifts (all of them, not just the big ones!) at their home, I also set up a table so I could wrap there too.

"On Christmas Eve, after the kids were in bed, my husband would retrieve the presents. One year, we had gotten a ping pong table, and he and our neighbor brought it over on a snowu Christmas Eve, transporting it on top of the car!

"The next challenge was to trim the tree since Santa did EVERYTHING! I always

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MERRICK'S MAGIC: The Merrick's team gets together in tront of the beautifully decorated store. Ready for the holidays, Merrick's offers not only its signature display of gorgeous ball gowns (truly unique in the area), cocktall party dresses, career and leisure clothes, but a terrific assortment of unexpected delights. Candy canes of every size and style, candles, including the tavorite Votivo, greeting cards, and even tun novelty cleaning items are on hand. Also, super new board games tor the tamliy, and wonderfully appealing musical merry-go-rounds, circus carousels, roller coasters, and terris wheels are true holiday keepsakes. The store is brimming with scarves of every type and size; dressy cut-velvet tops share the space with colorful kimono-style artisan Jackets, and leather coats are displayed right along with the hot new selection ot rain coats, including a reversible red/black rain jacket teaturing a taux rain drop finish and matching handbag. Merrick's Munchkins continues to delight. Children's toys, clothes, and accessories are offered in a cozy setting. Who can resist adorable handmade holiday dresses or the "Books To Bed" (pajamas and book combo)? Jewelry Includes a wide range tor holiday adornment, and there are also beaded evening bags A Due Sorrell trunk show will be held this weekend: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

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worried that one ol the children would wake up and see us. Didn't happen!'

"tf I had a dollar for every bicycle, which has been hidden in a neighbor's garage!" adds another friend. "We and all of our friends were always hiding Christmas Big Wheels, tricycles, and bicycles in neighbors' garages. We did this in Prince ton, Connecticut, and also when we moved to Arizona. Of course, each year, the riding vehicles became bigger and bigger (Big Wheels, trike, bike, super bike, etc.). We began to feel a bit older when our next door nelghbor asked to store their son's Christmas surprise a new VW Beetle — In the third stall of our Tucson garage!"

A Princeton mom recalls when neighbors asked to hide the large riding toy cars they had gotten for their two boys in her garage. "On Christmas Eve day, the dad decided to come over and assemble them. My husband offered to help, and the two of them spent all day putting those cars together — and had the best time!"

#### Different Take

\* She also recalls a time when she and her daughter created a very large gift for her sister. "Now that she's grown up, my sister said

stocking and the fun of finding all those little treasures within. Well, my daughter and I made a king-size felt stocking — three feet wide and six feet tall — decorated it, and put her name on it. I mean, it was so big, she could get in it! We filled it totally with wrapped presents, and then kept it hidden behind a big pile of Christmas wrappings, decorations, and other stuff in the basement. When it came time to bring it out, she was thrilled."

take on hiding things at the neighbors, by the way, is to have items delivered after an ardent internet shopper. and have it delivered elseneighbors or nearby fam-

People must cope with a friend in New York City had sequences. to use all her ingenuity in vears past.

'Hiding gifts in a pre-war New York apartment where closets are at a premium was especially difficult when the children were small," she explains. "I often asked the superintendent if I could hide until Christmas Eve. Since he was a most temperamental man, it was never a sure she missed hanging up her thing. One year, he said no

for some unknown reason, and I had to stash them in the stairwell, which was only to be used if there was a fire. I was lucky that there were not many fire inspections around the holidays - and that we had no fires!

"To keep my overly inquisitive son from finding any gifts, I had to put his father's gifts in my closet, where he was apt to look. He seemed to be satisfied that he had found something that he should not have found, A somewhat different and would usually stop there and not go on looking for presents all over the building. Now that the children shopping on-line, as does have grown up and moved out, I just stack gifts in the You can order something corner of the living room. This seems safer because where - if you have willing my husband wouldn't notice anything amiss unless they were stacked on his desk!"

The temptation to search variety of challenges when for presents is very intense hiding gifts — size and lay-out of the house, degree of often if they do find the treacuriosity of the children, and sure trove before Christmas. number and size of gifts. A It can have unexpected con-

#### Similar Case

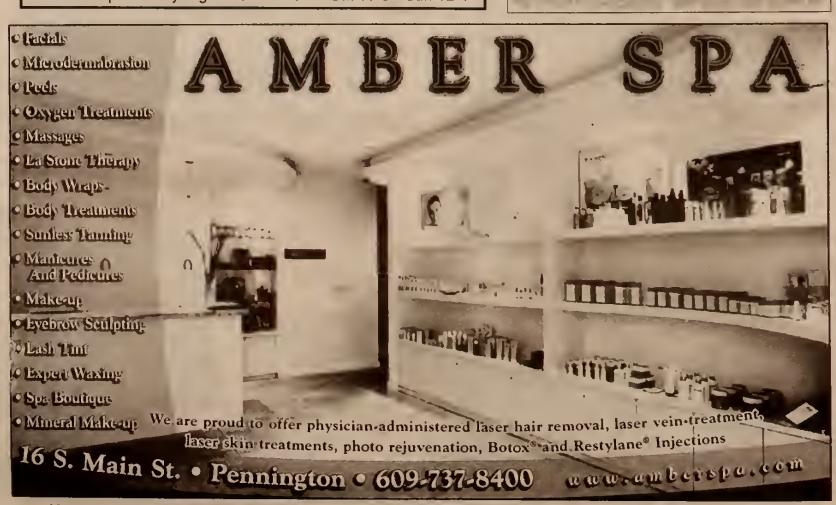
"I think I was born liking surprises," says a Princeton friend. "I never read the last page of a book or story first as some people do. When I was very little, my older sister made me search with her for hidden presents. We presents in the basement found them, and it really spoiled the entire Christmas morning thing for me that year — there were no surprises!"

> A similar case involved another little girl and her older sister (what is it about older sisters?). "When I was little, my sister, who is five years older, made me go up to the attic, and we found all the on Christmas Day, without the surprises," recalls the now grown-up, then disappointed tot.

> Some parents nip such peeking in the bud, enforcing a kind of "Tough Love". "Hiding presents was never a problem in our house," says a neighbor, who was never tempted. "Mother

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AN ALTERNATIVE TO DRIVING IN TOWN?: Massive shopping crowds plowed through Princeton this weekend, marking the commercial beginning of the hollday season. Merchants are finding some sales improvement, but expect numbers to increase as the season progresses,

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#### **Hiding Gifts**

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would start stashing things In a large closet that was under the stairs to the second story. We knew where she put them. It was not a secret.

"What kept us from peeking? As she placed the first gift in her hide-away, Mom looked my sister and me in the eyes and laid down the rules. 'If I ever see you looking in that closet or discover that you have been in it, you will sit down and open everything right then and there.' It might be fun to Imagine having Christmas on December 10, but what would Christmas Day be like with no presents to open? Never dld we peek! Never ever!'

A Princeton friend was also not inclined to open ahead of time. She remembers being thrilled as a little girl, when a big delivery truck rolled up the week before Christmas, depositing an assortment of very large boxes.

"My parents would go shopping together — not long before Christmas, probably when my father had gotten a bigger paycheck — for me and my two sisters," she explains. "We knew what the truck meant. All kinds of toys and wonderful surprises - books, games, doils, even sleds. My parents hid them away, and we just couldn't peek in, even though we could hardly wait for Christmas and the Grand Opening!"

#### Hidden Presents

Sometimes, hidden presents remain surprisingly hidden for years, and the outcome in one such case was unexpectedly polgnant. "My brother Paul was a great guy and very tall, which is part of the story," recalls a former Princeton neighbor. "He had told his wife early in the summer that he already had her Christmas present, that it was something she really wanted, and that he had hidden it in a place she would never find. No matter how much they talked about this gift, it remained hidden in Its secret spot.

"Later that year, my brother died. My sister-in-law had enough on her mind that, of course, she didn't think of that conversation — until several years afterward. By this time, she had remarried another great guy. One day, he was cleaning out the basement, and stuck between the floor joists above

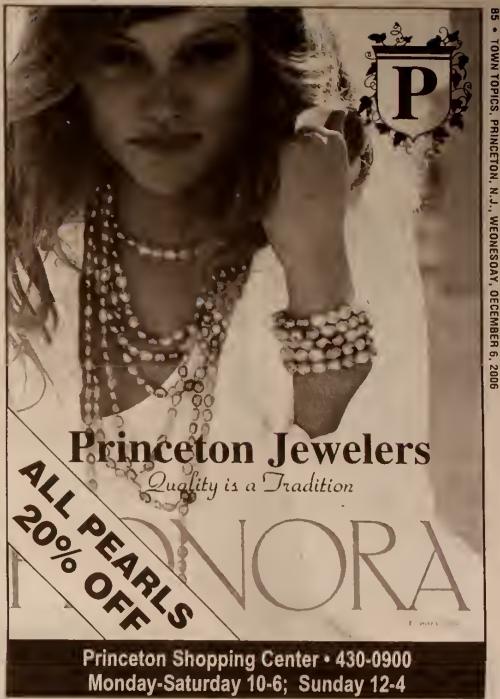
him, tucked nearly out of sight, was a cardboard carton, which he dragged down. In the carton, he found a wooden rack, the type on which quilts are displayed. He brought it upstairs to his wife, a quilter, who smiled as she thought back to the conversation with my brother before he died, and now recounted the story to her husband. She did get her Christmas present from years before, but It took someone else to find it in its hiding place."

Another story recalls a gift hidden in an unexpected setting. "My daughter had asked for — and was ready for - a new flute," relates

a friend, "She had been playing a school rental flute for about a year, and was now advanced. She picked one out at the music store, with the help of her flute Instructor, but It was a display model and had to be ordered. My husband and I picked it up at the store when it came in, but want-Ing to add an element of surprise, we told her it was back-ordered, and wouldn't be in until January.

"The flute was in the usual rectangular case, but this was inside a beautiful leather carrying case, which resembled a woman's handbag. Nice girl that she was,

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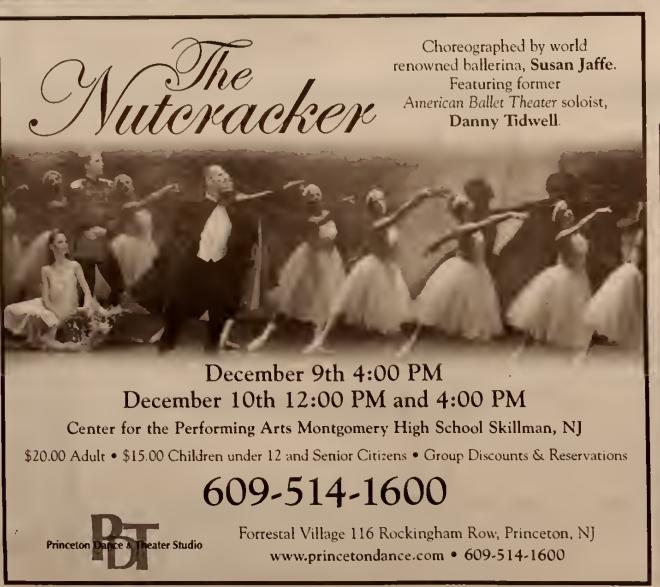


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on Christmas morning, my daughter ran to the tree, opened the package, and called out, 'Oh, a new purse! How did you know I wanted one? It wasn't on my list!'

#### Trying Time

"The case seemed a bit heavy, but she still didn't catch on. She told us later that she thought it might contain some cosmetics or hair products. Imagine how thrilled she was when she found out it was the flute she had hoped for."

A friend who grew up in England remembers a time when gifts, though not in abundance, had special was a trying time in wartime and postwar England, with very little available to pur-chase," she recalls. "But nobody had to worry about gifts for me. I was a good trouble because my nose was always in a book.

"At that time Christmas meant only one thing to me - books, which would be carefully hidden from my eager eyes until Christmas morning. If I didn't get actual books, the next best thing was the Book Token - a pretty card containing stamps to equal the value of the books. They were readily available in the stores, which made them an easy choice for my family, and even easier to hide in the days before Christmas. I still remember the thrill, the joy of clutching that small bundle of white envelopes, and the anticipation of opening them and seeing how much l got — I knew the different color values by heart! A red, one-pound token was the greatest prize. At that time, it was good for six or eight books.

Then came the trip to Smith's book store, where it was safe to leave a young child for hours at a time. There wasn't much in the way of choices — maybe two shelves of children's books, but they were good. I still have my "Swallows and Amazons" series.

#### Big Day

"The Christmas Book Token showed a picture of a jolly Father Christmas surrounded by holly and bells.

The envelopes didn't make much of a pile under the Christmas tree, but I knew they were there! They were too precious to go in our Christmas stockings, which contained a rare and treasured orange and wrapped (rationed) candy."

A Princeton neighbor, who was a child in Philadelphia during the Depression years also recalls a time when over-abundance was not the case, making the gifts even more loved. "When I was growing up, I didn't know where gifts were hidden. All I know is that they showed up on Christmas morning under the tree. Actually, in that time, gifts were bought close to the Big Day, not months ahead. I lived in the meaning for her. "Christmas Depression Era, when cash was scarce, and credit cards hadn't come into play. Gifts were most often purchased from the paycheck closest to Christmas.

"Also, my birthday bechild, who never got into ing in January, sometimes some Christmas gifts, if they seemed too extravagant, were held over for my birthday. I used to wish my birthday was in July!

Buying gifts too far ahead can lead to problems, she adds. "In addition to forgetting where presents have been put, with children, when you find a gift that they express a strong desire to have, if you purchase it early, by the time Christmas rolls around, they often have changed their minds and have placed their focus on something completely different."

So, what's the answer? Buy early, hide the presents, and run the risk of discovery, and perhaps forgetting nearer Christmas, cope with the crowds, time-pressure, and perhaps less choice?

Whatever the decision and don't worry if you didn't make that self-imposed December 1 deadline, it is only December 6 — there is still time to buy, hide, and wrap, and enjoy the pleasures of this special season.

-Jean Stratton





So, "making a list and the stores. checking it twice"?

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are making the rounds of of the year.

It's that time. Klds are get- parties, lists for organizing ing "wish" lists, and shop- by more people during the pers, lists in their hands, holidays than any other time ted before dinner!

Some people take list-Lists for presents, lists for making very seriously. A arties, lists for organizing mother of four children ting lists ready for Santa, — you name it. There are won't let them have dessert families and friends are shar- probably more lists made on Thanksgiving unless the Christmas lists are submit-

A Princeton frlend who starts her shopping early in August, takes stock in mid-December. "Two weeks before Christmas, I write down everything I have gotten for the kids and everyone else, and how much I have spent. Budget is important, and I try to make sure all the kids are equally represented in the gift department.

"When I shop," she continues, "I always have a list for each one. I spend a lot of time thinking about what each person would like."

Children's lists, whether to Santa or parents, can be somewhat problematic. They are known to change their minds. One little girl had carefully made her choices, which her parents did their best to fulfill. "And then right before Christmas, she changed her list, giving us some frantic moments," reports her mother. "This is a good reason not to shop too early. After that, we decided to ask her to list three things, since the Three Wise Men brought three glfts — gold, frankincense, and myrrh — to the baby Jesus. It's good, really. She has to think about it, and not just make a laundry list. Of course, we see that she gets more than three presents."

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#### "Wish" List

Another friend believes in having her children include everything they can possibly think of on their "wish" list. "I tell them to put everything in the world on it, from lipstick and nail pol-Ish and baseballs and bats to a house in the country! Of course, they won't get It all, but It gives us a lot of choices."

Kids' lists are often very entertaining. One mom describes an unusual visit to Santa with her little boy and his catalog.

"When he was about three, my son spent hours and hours looking through the Sears catalog, picking out wonderful things that he'd like Santa to bring him. Pages were marked and reafter a few weeks. We told him that he could take the

know this, and the expreslittle kid appeared with a whole catalog was pretty funny. We have a snapshot of him sitting on Santa's lap, showing him the catalog. One of our treasures!"

Catalogs can be very useful, providing both ideas and activity. A neighbor gave a Sears catalog to each of her young children along with pair of blunt plastic scissors, some library paste, and an inexpensive but large notebook. The children were to cut out toys/games, etc. from the catalog and paste them into the notebook. These would be their Christmas lists. Other requests could be added later by writing in the book.

Another mom remembers when her kids were very eager to get a dog. "One year, our son put his sisters up to a bit of mischlef. Every other line on each of the children's lists contained the word 'puppy.' For example, 'roller blades, puppy, video games, puppy, tennis balls, puppy, etc.' He even wrote 'petit chien' in French, and small dog in a few other languages. We got the picture! Finally, we succumbed, and Louie the Lhasa apso arrived, later followed by Skippy, the mixed breed."

#### Big Event

A now grown-up young lady remembers how much fun It was to make lists for Santa in her house. It was a blg event then, and part of happy Christmas memories

"We'd go through the big Toys R Us and FAO Schwarz catalogs, pick out things we wanted, and write them on our list. We were very excited. Then, in later years, we would work with our church youth group, getting lists from poor families and buying presents for them from their lists."

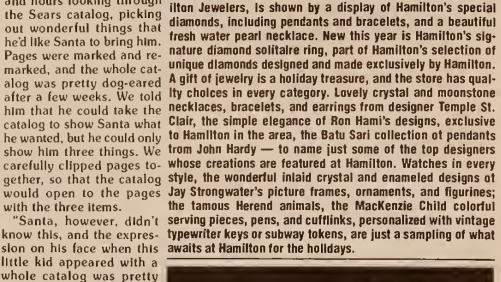
It was always a thrill to find one of those much-antleipated "wish" list items on Christmas morning, and as her sister adds, "I always remember when my Cabbage Patch Kld preemle was left on our front doorstep.

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HOLIOAY ADORNMENT: Lauren Ouffy, sales associate at Hamfresh water pearl necklace. New this year is Hamilton's slgnature diamond solitaire ring, part of Hamilton's selection of marked, and the whole cat- unique dlamonds designed and made exclusively by Hamilton. alog was pretty dog-eared A gift of jewelry is a holiday treasure, and the store has qualnecklaces, bracelets, and earrings from designer Temple St. catalog to show Santa what Clair, the simple elegance of Ron Hami's designs, exclusive he wanted, but he could only to Hamilton in the area, the Batu Sari collection of pendants show him three things. We trom John Hardy — to name just some of the top designers carefully clipped pages to- whose creations are featured at Hamilton. Watches in every gether, so that the catalog style, the wonderful inlaid crystal and enameled designs of would open to the pages Jay Strongwater's picture frames, ornaments, and figurines; with the three items.

Jay Strongwater's picture frames, ornaments, and figurines; the tamous Herend animals, the MacKenzie Child colorful "Santa, however, dldn't serving pieces, pens, and cufflinks, personalized with vintage typewriter keys or subway tokens, are just a sampling of what







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I totally believed Santa had brought It!"

Christmas memories can be so strong that events from long ago are readtly evoked. A World War II veteran remembers one particular Christmas and what was waiting for him under the tree.

"I was about nine or 10, and had heard about the Thornton Burgess animal books, but I hadn't read any, and I put them on my ltst. My glft was "Paddy the Beaver", and I read the entire book by dinner. From then on, the Burgess books were a 'must' on my ltst. I continued collecting them, and I now have nearly every one."

Letters from Santa In response to lists can also be prtzed. My netghbor recalls a story about her niece which took place some years ago. "My four-year-old niece Kim Itved in a small town to Nebraska, and she wanted a very special doll for Christmas. Her mother told her that Santa had a book from the Montgomery Ward catalog store that she could choose from, to get the exact doll she wanted. Ktm was delighted to choose a beautiful baby doll, she and her mother wrote the letter to Santa, and the order was placed.

#### Beautiful Letter

"As the days progressed toward Christmas, Ktm's excitement growing more profound every day, nothing was heard from the manager of the store. Finally, with still no word on Christmas Eve day, Kim's mother spoke with the manager, and they came up with a plan. This is how on Christmas morning, instead of the doll itself, Kim found a beautiful letter from Santa:

#### 'Dear Kim,

You have been a very good and sweet gtrl this year, and I want you to have the very special doll you asked me to bring you. I am very sorry that you won't have this doll on Christmas Day, but there have been problems with our sewing machines that make the lace and pretty dresses. So, sometime this week, I will arrange to get your special doll to the Ward store as soon as It Is finished and ready for you. Lave,

Santa

"A few days after Christmas, Kim enjoyed picking up her special doll, the exact one she had asked Santa for"

Sometimes lists will include teems almost impossible to find, such as out-of-print rare books not even available on e-Bay, or Elvis' last recording, or a copy of an old LIFE magazine, which the list-maker hopes will replace one long lost. A search can ensue, which has been known to last for years, and when finally found, the teem becomes a wonderful surprise.

#### Garden Hose

Lists can also be subject to misinterpretation. For example, one woman had written "hose" on her list, and she was dismayed to find a new garden hose under the tree, when she had been ex-

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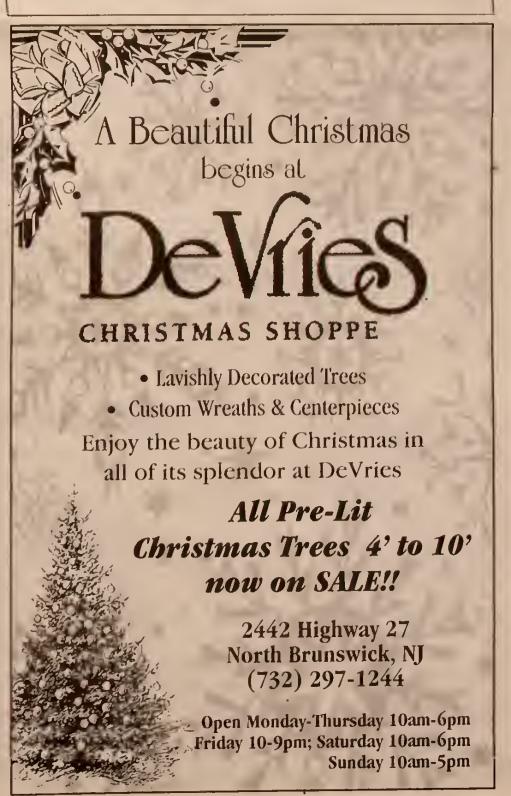
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pecting nylon stockings. Her husband had taken the list very literally!

Another husband had fun one day before Christmas when he was out shopping for his wife. Chatting with Santa in one of the stores (Santa happened to have a free moment), he asked him to call his wife. Said Santa: "I'm here with your husband, and he wants to know what you'd like for Christmas. You forgot to make your list!"

A friend in New York City begins her lists well before Christmas, pointing out the need for a lot of "up" time to complete the shopping. "I start making lists of gifts for everyone at the beginning of October. It is at this time I tell everyone to stop buying toys and sweaters and pa-Jamas because Christmas is coming. They don't listen for the most part, so my lists are edited frequently. I use the list and try to order all that I can before Thanksglving. That leaves December for the last few things on the list or for gifts for the men In my life — they are hard to surprise and to buy for.

"I keep my list in a pretty notebook which I carry with me in my purse, and this is very important because once I am in the stores, with all the people and all the choices, I usually have a 'mind cramp' and start wandering around thinking I have come to shop for myself!"

There are many options in list-making today. People can register their wishes in stores, or send lists on-line.

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HAPPY FEET: Shoes, boots, slippers, and socks highlight holiday shopping at Hullt's. Ryan (left) and Chuck Simone of Hulit's Shoes stand in tront of a display of Clarks Shoes, just one of the many brands of footwear af this popular family shoe store. Boots are a must for everyone, with La Canadienne dress waferproof boots for women, also ottered in sheepskin. Uggs is another tayorife line of boots, as are Timberland and Sorrell. Ladles' dress shoes include BeautiFeel and Sofft, which also offers flats in assorted colors. Johnston & Murphy, Bostonian, and Clarks remain popular for men's dress shoes, and Ecco offers a comfort dress style. More casual is Merrill's Jungle Moc and the negative heel Earth shoes. Athletic shoes include a big selection, with New Balance, Saucony, and Nike heading the list. Hullt's has shoes tor bables and all ages of children, with Primigl, Aster, StrideRite, Uml, Ecco, and Geox just some of the lines ottered. The popular "Heelys" are also available, as is a complete line of boots, slippers, and socks.

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A Princeton resident reports that her grandchildren do just that. "The internet has really changed things. The kids emall me their lists, and there are categories, such as technology, clothes, games, etc. It's all very organized."

Not everyone likes "wish" for or submitting a list. She ping done by December 1.

and likes to surprise others. Her sister is just the oppo- ming the trees (we have site. Practical and organized, she always asks people for wrapping presents. a list of what they'd like to

#### Important Things

One of my favorite "list" stories involves a friend, who loves Christmas, and as lists. I have one friend, who planning for the holiday. "I would never dream of asking always like to have my shop-

is creative, likes surprises, Then, I will have time for decorating the house, trimtwo), baking, cooking, and

"One year, my mother was very ill and in the hospital in December. I wanted to be able to spend the time with her, so I made a list of the most important things to be she says, is very organized done before Christmas. For example, (1) making sure

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the kids' gifts were ready, (2) trimming the trees, (3) decorating the house, etc. I had 25 items listed, and I remember that baking cookies was number eight.

"I told my kids about it, explaining I needed to be with my mother, and they

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asked to see the list. My son, of Christmas that my kids who was 16, immediately said, 'I'll make the cookles!' My daughter offered to do the house. And it turned out that they took care of everything on the list (my husband made sure their didn't Just say they would do the holidays approaching, it, they did do it! I'll never they provide a Christmas list forget that list, and the spirit for each family member, and

in turn request lists from us. The child in me somehow resists writing a list, and Another neighbor, who i still would like to be surwent through years of listprised on Christmas mornmaking when her children ing by what they send to be were small, now has mixed put under the tree. I also feelings about "wish" lists. like to send little surprises presents were ready). They with their own families. With tucked in among their ma-"Our children are now adults of and felt sure they should

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#### The Tender Bar

by J.R. Moehringer

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by Andrea Lee

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by Elizabeth Edwards

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by Desmond Tutu and Bill Clinton

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ORESSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Even the figer in Palmer Square Is getting into the holiday spirif. (Photo by Emily Reeves)



SANTA BABY: Mary Scudder, owner of Ambleside Gardens & Nursery, holds a joily Santa who wears a plaid jacket and carries a drum. He is one of many sizes and styles ot Santas, including ornaments, available at the Ambleside gitt shop. Also on display are the collectible Byers Carolers and AnnaLee Elves. Agiow with hollday lights from assorted decorated theme frees, Ambieside is particularly known for its selection of nativities from around the world (all sizes, styles, and materials), special Noah's Arks, and authentic German nutcrackers and smokers. Beautifully handpainted real eggs from Austria make lovely ornaments, and also from Austria are tragrant wreaths, trees, and candle rings made of real spices. Also special are the decorative perching doils made ot orange peei. Loveiy German pewter mantei decorations (painted and unpainted) include a variety of Christmas scenes. A colorfui felt tree fopper is from Kyrgyzsfan, and pine cones from Poland and Noah's Arks from Armenia add to the infernational flavor of the gift shop. Ambleside is definitely the place for trees of every variety, both fresh cuf and live, available from tablefop to 12 teef. Wreaths, custom decorated and undecorafed, are available, as are roping, garlands, poinsettias, and all the supplies for do-it-yourself decorafors.



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have. Somehow, the magic of Christmas still lingers, and the happy surprises on Christmas morning continue to delight."

Whatever one's age, may that always be the case!

—Jean Stratton

#### Rockingham Hosts Holiday Open House

Historic Rockingham, Washington's last war time headquarters in 1783, will hold a holiday candlelight open house on Sunday, December 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Live historians in period dress and uniform will conduct guided tours of the house which is decorated in Colonial style with local greens.

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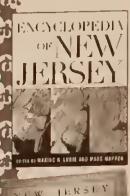




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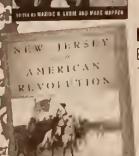
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#### **Happy Tails Across New Jersey**

By Diane Goodspeed

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MAKING THE ROUNOS: Last weekend Sanfa was seen strolling through Palmer Square, visifing with shoppers, and updating his list.

(Photo by Emily Reeves)



NATURAL SETTING: The Obal family (left to right), Tom, Kathryn, Walf Jr., and Walf Sr. are shown with a white poinseftia and an all-natural wreath of mixed greens, decorafed with pine cones and berries. The Obal Garden Center is ready tor the holidays with a full selection of poinsettias of all colors and sizes, as well as cyclamen, paper whites, and amaryllis. Cut trees include top-grade Fraser fir and live balled spruces. Both tancy, decorated wreaths and double-faced undecorafed balsam wreaths are on hand, as well as garlands and roping. Packaged firewood and fat wood are also hollday favorites. Obal's is known for its outsfanding selection of bird feeders all sizes, styles, and prices — and bird seed, including seed wreafhs. Wind chimes, watering cans, colorful decorative gazing balls, and table fop copper water fountains are other gift ideas, as are the gardener's favorife top-quality Felco pruners. And don't forget the variety of winter deer profection products and WiltPruf to prevent winter damage for all plantings. Obal's has if all!



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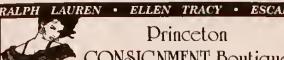


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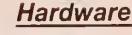
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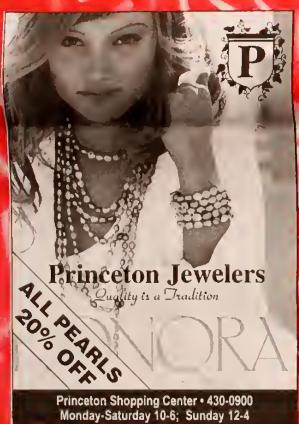
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